

**Stow Community Park
SC 046308**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Stow Community Park

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2025 which are set out on the accompanying pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirements of Regulation 10 (1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44 (1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of 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 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations 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.

Name

Address

Date 24th November 2025

Stow Community Park (SC046308)
Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Balances
As at 28th February 2025

| 2024 | Receipts and Payments Account Income for the Year | 2025 |
|------------|--|------------|
| 34 | Other | 0 |
| <u>523</u> | Event (Sports Day) | <u>645</u> |
| 557 | Total Income | 645 |
| | Expenditure for the Year | |
| 1505 | Insurance | 1996 |
| 0 | Membership | 30 |
| 0 | AGM | 0 |
| 292 | Event(Sports Day) | 364 |
| <u>0</u> | Miscellaneous | <u>20</u> |
| 1797 | Total Expenditure | 2410 |
| -1240 | Net Surplus(Deficit) | -1765 |

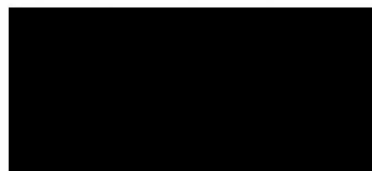
Statement of Balances

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 13581 | Opening Bank Balance | 12341 |
| <u>-1240</u> | Surplus (Deficit) for the Year | <u>-1765</u> |
| <u>12341</u> | Closing Bank Balance | <u>10576</u> |

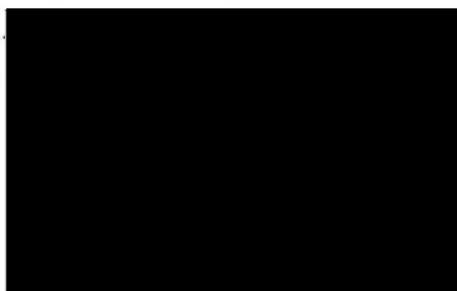
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| | Represented by: | |
| <u>13581</u> | Profit and Loss Account | <u>10576</u> |
| 12341 | | |

Note: All funds are unrestricted

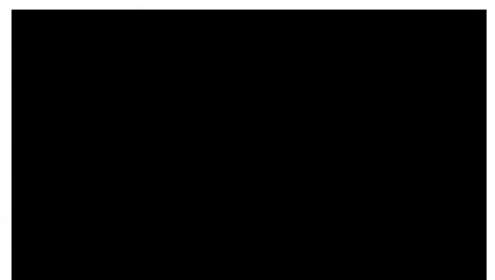
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11th September 2025



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Stow Community Park

Annual Report
2024/2025
SC046308

Trustees Annual Report for period March 2024 – February 2025

Stow Community Park (SCP) project is based in the village of Stow, north of Galashiels in the Scottish Borders.

In August 2014 a discussion took place at the local community council meeting about the lack of outdoor play equipment in the village for children over preschool age. Following consultation with local families and the regional council a committee of volunteers was formed to take forward creating a new community park in Stow.

SCP became a registered charity in February 2016. (OSCR SC046308).

Stow Community Park was officially opened in June 2018.

The aim of Stow Community Park is to provide inclusive, stimulating and accessible multigenerational outdoor facilities within the public park. It provides 8 pieces of playpark equipment for children and teenagers, 4 pieces of outdoor gym equipment for adults and an accessible tarmac path. There is also benches and picnic tables for those who just wish to relax and enjoy the open space.

Charity Objectives

- Raise public awareness of Stow Park
- Provide a focal point for discussion of issues relating to the park
- Encourage schools and other groups to use Stow park
- Improve provision of play equipment and other facilities in Stow Park in partnership with Scottish Borders Council (SBC)
- Increase accessibility and enjoyment of the park for those with disabilities and vulnerable and disadvantaged groups and individuals
- Raise funds from internal and external sources to support the above

Charity Activity March 2024- February 2025

- In June the committee and our wonderful helpers ran the BBQ at Stow's annual village Sports Day. This was a good fundraiser for our charity and raised awareness of Stow Playpark.
- For the rest of the year the park equipment continued to see plenty of use.
- The countdown is now on for our local council to take over responsibility for the park equipment when Stow Community Park committee's ten year management of it comes to an end in April 2028. We are now preparing for this by ensuring there is a well planned handover.

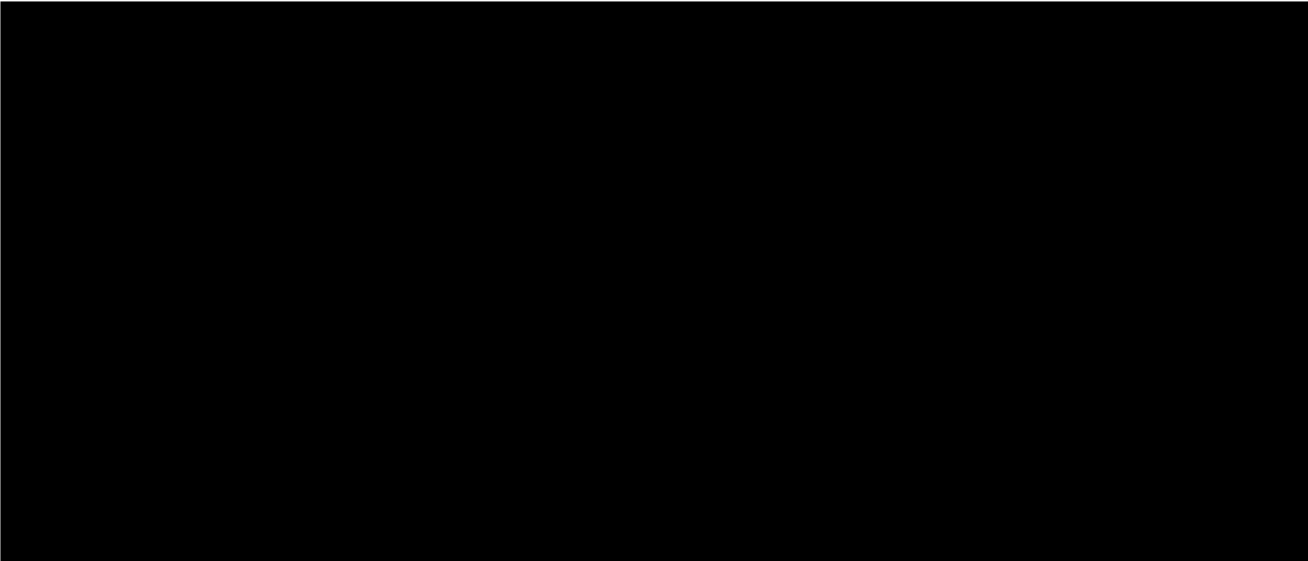
Stow Community Park Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Balances as at 28 February 2025 was approved and seconded at the Annual General Meeting held on 8th October 2025

Income to SCP during period Mar 24 – Feb 25
£ 645

£645 was raised at the Sports Day BBQ

Expenditure during period Mar 24 – Feb 25
£ 2410

Annual Insurance cost **£1996, £364** was Sports Day BBQ expenses, **£30** was for a membership to a local play library and **£20** for a thank you gift



Volunteers setting up for the BBQ (June 2024)

Fundraising BBQ under way (June 2024)