Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2025	**To**	31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	THE SUPPORTERS OF CASTLEWOOD SCHOOL
Other names charity is known by	SOCS
Registered charity number (if any)	1081491
Charity's principal address	CASTLEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
	CASTLEWOOD ROAD
	SOUTHWATER
	Postcode **RH13 9US**

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	LUCY DUNN	CO-CHAIR		Appointed by vote at the AGM
2	GEMMA REDFORD	CO-CHAIR		Appointed by vote at the AGM
3	CAROL FORSYTH	VICE CHAIR		Appointed by vote at the AGM
4	ELIZABETH SHEARS	SECRETARY	31-MAR-25-31-DEC-25	Appointed by vote at the AGM
5	PAUL HELSBY	TREASURER		Appointed by vote at the AGM
6	JACQUI RICHARDS	SECRETARY	01-JAN-25-31-MAR-25	Appointed by vote at the AGM

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Parentkind Constitution, adopted 13th April 2000 & as amended 23rd November 2000 and 28th February 2008.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Parents of the school are invited to become Trustees, with Trustees opting to take on key roles within the Association and voted for at the AGM. The committee comprises of:- • Co-Chairs (x2) • Vice Chair • Treasurer, and • Secretary The committee is elected at the AGM and holds office until the following AGM. Nominations for elections to the committee may be made by one member and seconded by another member.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about: • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Object of the charity is to advance the education of pupils in the school, in particular by:- • Developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school. • Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have	Organising and running large and small events for the school community in order to raise funds for the school. The funds raised are utilised by contributing to or paying the cost in full for specific items that match the charity's stated objectives.

had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees of SOCS (Supporters of Castlewood School) confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and planning future activities.

Our primary purpose is to advance the education of pupils at Castlewood Primary School by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and activities not normally funded by the local authority.

In the year covered by this report, we carried out fundraising activities across the school calendar, including our Blackberry Fair, Summer BBQ and Run Barns Green sponsorship. These raised funds that were used to complete the Nature Garden and to build towards the replacement of the school's ageing Trim Trail and play equipment, a project to be completed in 2026.

All funds raised were applied for the direct benefit of children attending Castlewood School, helping to improve their learning environment and overall school experience. The trustees are satisfied that these activities clearly meet the public benefit requirement by supporting the education and wellbeing of children in our local community.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

N/A

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2025 we held a number of fund-raising events raising over £17,700 for the school. Key events included our Blackberry Fair; Summer BBQ; sponsorship monies raised through the 'Run Barns Green' event; and Frozen Friday & Doughnut sales.

The events and activities we ran raised much needed funds for the school and have gone towards:-

- Completing the Nature Garden and raised beds
- Classroom activities, iPads and a school author visit
- The school pantomime and Leavers' Hoodies
- The Horsham Festival Parade and DJ workshop
- Other projects to help advance the education and experience of pupils

Of the total profit figure of £17,704.73 we spent £11,280.66 on the above items and have carried forward the balance, which includes funds accumulated towards replacing the school's ageing Trim Trail

Section D Achievements and performance

and play equipment. That project is to be completed in 2026.

We have achieved our objectives of enhancing the education and experiences of the children at that school by funding the projects detailed above, including completing the Nature Garden using funds carried over from 2024.

Total income from our events increased again in 2024, to £26,408.66; however, rising event costs meant the overall profit available to the school was marginally lower than 2024, at £17,704.73. We continue to evaluate the events we run each year and introduced new events, including Sports Day refreshments, Bingo and a School Disco, to appeal to the widest range of interests as we can.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our policy is to retain a minimum of £1,500 in our accounts to fund the cost of staging our larger events.

During 2025 we held higher balances than usual, reflecting funds accumulated towards the Trim Trail and play equipment replacement project completed in 2026.

Our closing year-end balance of £25,302.64 is held in an instant access savings account to fund a list of prioritised projects agreed each year with the school.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal sources of funds emanate from our key fundraising events, including sponsorship raised by individuals connected to the school.

We remain conscious of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and its effect on our community which we consider when pricing our events. We are extremely grateful for the support we get from volunteers in our wider SOCS community, and work hard to maintain their engagement, as they are key to our success. A key risk to our fundraising capabilities would be the loss of volunteers to help us run our main events during the year.

Section F Other optional information

The charity ended the year in a strong financial position, having completed the Nature Garden using funds carried over from 2024, and with a significant balance held to fund the replacement of the school's ageing Trim Trail and play equipment, a project to be completed in 2026.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	LDunn	Paul Helsby
Full name(s)	LUCY DUNN	PAUL HELSBY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CO-CHAIR	TREASURER

Date 28/9/2026

1st Jar

	Raffle Prize Value	Income	
Starting Balance(s)			
Business & Personal Donations		£ 2,398.29	
A-B Bars		£ 593.00	
Frozen Friday & Doughnuts		£ 2,464.14	
Easter Eggstravaganza		£ 969.52	
Break the Rules Day		£ 131.40	
Sports Day		£ 278.69	
Summer BBQ		£ 2,502.43	
Bottle Buddies		£ 56.00	
Run Barns Green		£ 1,315.68	
Blackberry Fair	£ 1,396.00	£ 7,681.55	
School Disco		£ 667.00	
Bingo		£ 260.00	
Xmas Cards		£ 904.32	
Xmas Stall		£ 268.12	
Xmas Star Workshop		£ 250.00	
Xmas Jumper Day		£ 180.50	
Xmas Performance		£ 417.91	
School Uniform		£4,906.20	
Savings Interest		£163.91	

		£ 26,408.66	

Overall Profit

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Expenses		Profit		Profit %	
		£18,878.57			
		£ 2,398.29		100%	
£ 354.90		£ 238.10		40%	
£ 856.37		£ 1,607.77		65%	
£ 255.29		£ 714.23		74%	
£ -		£ 131.40		100%	
£ 77.29		£ 201.40		72%	
£ 1,030.53		£ 1,471.90		59%	
		£ 56.00		100%	
£ 207.51		£ 1,108.17		84%	
£ 1,048.24		£ 6,633.31		86%	
£ 235.00		£ 432.00		65%	
		£ 260.00		100%	
£ 619.27		£ 285.05		32%	
£ 369.63		£ (101.51)		-38%	
£ 152.50		£ 97.50		39%	
		£ 180.50		100%	
£ 9.75		£ 408.16		98%	
£3,487.65		£1,418.55		29%	
		£ 163.91		100%	

£ 8,703.93		**£17,704.73**

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Paid Out

Horsham Festival Parade	£350.00
Nature Garden & Raised Beds	£3,781.00
Paint a Spoon	£111.80
Pantomime	£850.00
Classroom Activities	£1,925.00
School Author Visit	£858.99
iPads	£1,826.65
Someone Special	£70.18
Leavers' Hoodies	£ 539.75
DJ Workshop - Tons of Sound	£ 350.00
Running Costs	£ 617.29

Paid out so far	**£11,280.66**
Closing Bank Balance(s)	**£25,302.64**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	THE SUPPORTERS OF CASTLEWOOD SCHOOL (SOCS)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1081491
Set out on pages			

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025 .

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 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. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	29/1/26
Name:	MR PAUL WATTS		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	6 WARREN DRIVE, SOUTHWATER, HORSHAM, RH13 9GL		

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.