ASHTON HAYES SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

(A company limited by guarantee and a registered charity)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR

1st MARCH 2025 – 28th FEBRUARY 2026

Company Number 07110613
Charity Number 1134690

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ASHTON HAYES SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION (AHSRA)
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COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors and Trustees

Robert W Hooks
Jane Colville
Phillip R Goodall (Retired 12/08/2025)
Geoff Stamper
Michael Powers
Donald Owen
Richard Stradling
David Rounthwaite
Alison Howe
Graham Lennie (Retired 08/04/2025)
Ian Ridgley
Tom L Dempsey
Gary Ward (Retired 12/08/2025)

Company number	**07110613**
Charity number	**1134690**
Date of incorporation	**22nd December 2009**
Registered office	**The AHSRA Pavilion** **Ashton Lane** **Ashton Hayes** **Chester** **CH3 8AA**
Bankers	**Lloyds Bank plc**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2026

The Trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 28th February 2026.

Incorporation

The company was incorporated as Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreation Association, a company limited by guarantee, on 22nd December 2009 and became a registered charity on 8th March 2010. The Trustees are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of Company Law.

Objectives and Activities

The principal activity of the Charity is to promote amateur sport and recreation for all ages in the Parish of Ashton Hayes (now the Parish of Ashton Hayes and Horton cum Peel). From October 2024, following a consultation and financial review, the use of the Pavilion Café room as an income generator for AHSRA changed focus to a space for hire by organisations, groups and individuals for parties, social events and meetings, with the Café opening on a Pop-Up basis for specific events throughout the year.

Structure, Governance and Management of the Charity

Overall responsibility for the Incorporated Charity is provided by a Board of trustees-directors (known as "trustees") It ensures that the charity meets its legal and ethical obligations with respect to finance, health and safety, legal matters, and compliance with regulatory bodies. It also has oversight of the strategic development of the Charity. The day-to-day management of the playing field is also undertaken by the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee has a responsibility for a different aspect of the Association and a strong, dynamic, enthusiastic and optimistic Board has been created There is a Chairman, Company Secretary, Treasurer, and there are other Trustees taking responsibility for Health and Safety, Play Equipment, Grant Funding, Pavilion Bookings, and Communications.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the strategy for the year.

Achievements and performance

Achievements include the generation of sufficient ongoing income to maintain the safe operation of the facilities, continuous improvement, and planning for the future with increasing engagement with the wider local community.

A very active period saw AHSRA hold several major events, VE Day Celebration, A Garage Sale with proceeds to the new Golden Lion Pub, Picnic in the Park, and Christmas Tree Lighting Event.

The main fundraising event during the year was Picnic in the Park, delivered by volunteers in July. Entry was free, with side stalls to browse, side show games and fun races, while funds for AHSRA were raised through a tombola, raffle, refreshments, bar and BBQ.

As part of the national VE Day Celebrations AHSRA hosted and organised the community event at the Playing Field with bar, BBQ and beacon lighting. AHSRA Volunteers made the event happen and there was a good turnout from the local community.

The Garage Sale, where member of the local community were asked to donate unwanted items suitable for resale with proceeds donated to the new Golden Lion Community Pub currently being established in the village.

In December 2025 the now traditional Lighting of the Christmas Tree event was delivered. Running for the 4th year as a free to enter community event with mini lights trail for children. Funds were raised for AHSRA through the sale of food and drink and a raffle.

The hire of football pitches has continued to be very popular with local football clubs and provide valuable income. The Football posts and nets were renewed during this period, and the playing surface was extensively refurbished with a sand and aeration treatment that was so successful that a noticeable increase in the frequency and hence cost of mowing was observed.

The Children's playground was refurbished with new wood chippings providing an attractive but more importantly, safe surface. At the same time the western side of the children's playground was fenced off and a safety gate installed to provide a safer, dog free play environment.

The Pavilion building operates as a space for hire. For example, the pavilion was used as the Polling Station for Ashton Hayes at the by election on 1st May 2025. Rental provides income from regular and one-off users, with the space now available at weekends. A regular Lunch Club now operates and is very popular with the local community, especially those who may be less mobile and at risk of social isolation.

A survey of the users of the AHSRA facilities was undertaken which showed the facilities are used from very early in the day to very late, by members of the local community of a very wide range of age and abilities. The amenity of the perimeter footpath and the high standard to which the grass and hedges are maintained were highlighted as especially important to the majority of visitors.

AHSRA is a small charity and is entirely dependent on volunteers from the local community for their time to organise and deliver fundraising events and community gatherings.

Financial Review

Our financial position remains broadly healthy.

With income of just over £36,000 and expenditure before depreciation of just over £20,000, AHSRA had a net £16,000 inflow in the period.

AHSRA have been successful in securing significant grant funding from the Big Lottery Grant for playground refurbishment including new wood chippings and additional playground fencing, as well as a significant contribution to the cost of maintaining the sports facilities by mowing and strimming.

The Parish Council provided Grants and Donations totalling £3,661 in the period significantly more than in the past as a result of the one-off funds from the sale of the Parish Rooms.

In addition, a £500 CWAC Rural Grant was obtained for the purchase and installation of netball hoop and a Community Action Grant of £950 to set up a regular 'drop in' Social Group to help combat social isolation.

Marketing and Fund-raising costs (£1,159) were essentially the purchase of food and drink for the events such as picnic in the park etc which then realised £3,031 income.

Future plans

AHSRA's playground facilities are now well over 10 years old and will require either replacement, or increasing repair and maintenance expenditure, to ensure that they conform to safety regulations.

A 10-year Re-investment Plan has been drawn up to help to estimate, as best we can, the life expectancy of individual assets and to budget for their replacement.

The recent Playground Inspection by an Independent Examiner found evidence of decay in the wooden legs of the Children's Slide. This is a medium finding, meaning the equipment will require maintenance in the next year but does not need to be taken out of service in the meantime. To replace the Children's slide will cost the region of £19,000. So, grant funding will continue to play a vital role in the continued operation of the association, providing improved operational efficiency, maintenance of the facilities and replacement of worn-out equipment.

AHSRA will continue to host fundraising events in the coming year including the Village Fun Day on 11th July with funds for AHSRA to be raised from sales of food and drink. The Lighting of the Christmas Tree Event is planned for 4th December 2026.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28h FEBRUARY 2026

Directors and Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are as stated below:
Robert W Hooks
Jane Colville
Phillip R Goodall (Retired 12/08/2025)
Geoff Stamper
Michael Powers
Donald Owen
Richard Stradling
David Rounthwaite
Alison Howe
Graham Lennie (Retired 08/04/2025)
Ian Ridgley
Tom L Dempsey
Gary Ward (Retired 12/08/2025)

Auditors
The Company is exempt from audit under the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.
The annual report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (Charities SORP) and the Companies Act 2006 as applicable for a small charitable company.

By order of the board Ian Ridgley IAN RIDGLEY

CHAIRMAN

Date: 17/10/2026

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.
Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year.
Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The accounts are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these accounts the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2026

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2026 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2026 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2026 £	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2025 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2025 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £
INCOME						
Donations and grants (note 2)	4,053	20,950	25,003	2,127	9,805	11,932
Bank interest	1,080	-	1,080	897	-	897
INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Pavilion& car park rental	1,527	-	1,527	813	-	813
Rental of sports facilities	2,875	-	2,875	2,645	-	2,645
Cafe Sales	767	-	767	3,031	-	3,031
Fund Raising	2,582	-	2,582	3,531	-	3,531
Solar Panel Income	2,617	-	2,617	2,478	-	2,478
TOTAL INCOME	15,501	20,950	36,451	15,522	9,805	25,327
EXPENDITURE						
EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Cafe expenses (note 5)	131	-	131	1,184	-	1,184
Maintenance and overheads (note 4)	8,078	12,326	20,404	17,230	-	17,230
Depreciation (note 7)	8,853	2,159	11,012	9,676	2,697	12,373
Equipment Purchases (below £1000)	-		-			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17,062	14,485	31,547	28,090	2,697	30,787
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	(1,561)	6,465	4,904	(12,568)	7,108	(5,460)
Transfer between Funds	9,832	(9,832)	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	**8,271**	**(3,367)**	**4,904**	**(12,568)**	**7,108**	**(5,460)**
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	305,837	11,991	317,828	318,405	4,883	323,288
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	314,108	8,624	322,732	305,837	11,991	317,828

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BALANCE SHEET AT 28th FEBRUARY 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets (Note 7)	272,920	283,932
Current Assets		
Stock	0	0
Debtors (Note 8)	2,346	240
Cash at bank and in hand	48,476	34,746
Total Current Assets	50,822	34,986
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 9)	1,010	1,090
Net Current Assets	49,812	33,896
Total Net Assets	**322,732**	**317,828**
Charitable Funds (note10)		
Restricted Funds	8,624	11,991
Unrestricted Funds	314,108	305,837
Total Funds	**322,732**	**317,828**

For the financial year-ended 28th February 2026, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476 B (2). The company was also entitled to exemption from audit under section 144 (1) of the Charities Act 2011 and no notice has been deposited under section 146 (1). The directors, however, acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the year-end and of its surplus/deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 393 and 394 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 17/10/ 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

..... director dated 17/10/26
IAN RIDLEY

..... director dated 17/10/26
ALISON P HOWE

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2026

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.
The accounts have also been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 as applicable to small charities, the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011.
The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees and in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a valuation of the Pavilion, at estimated cost, provided as a donation by Ashton Hayes Parish Council which is subject to the restrictions noted in 1.5 below.
Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.
Designated funds (if any) are unrestricted funds earmarked for particular purposes.

1.3 Income

All sales income, grants and donations are included in the statement of financial activities when the AHSRA is entitled to, and is more likely than not to receive the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts.
- Donated facilities are included at the value to AHSRA where this can be quantified.
- Incoming resources from AHSRA facilities and from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised when there is a legal and constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable accuracy.
Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets comprise land and buildings, playground equipment and other sundry items and are stated at cost less depreciation or at a valuation. The cost of minor additions or those below £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided on a reducing balance basis using the following rates:

- Buildings 4%
- External equipment 10%
- Other items 20%

A full year's depreciation is charged on additions during a year.
The Pavilion was provided as a gift from Ashton Hayes Parish Council and a valuation was placed on it for accounts purposes. There is an agreement with the Parish council whereby the ownership of the pavilion would transfer back to the Parish council in the event of insolvency or a breach of the objectives of the charitable company.

1.6 Stock

Stock of café produce is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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2 Donations and Grants

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2026 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2026 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2026 £	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2025 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2025 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £
Various Donations	291	-	291	48	-	48
Parish rooms	2,561	-	2,561			
Big Lottery Grant	-	19,500	19,500		-	
CWAC Rural Grant	-	500	500		5,705	5,705
Robert Clutterbuck	-	-	-		1,000	1,000
Community Energy	-	-	-		1,000	1,000
Football Foundation	-	-	-		900	900
Cheshire County Welcoming	-	-	-		1,200	1,200
Community Action		950	950			
Parish Council	1,100	-	1,100	2,000	-	2,000
Shop & Café collection boxes	101	-	101	79	-	79
TOTAL	4,053	20,950	25,003	2,127	9,805	11,932

3 Trustees remuneration.
No directors/ Trustees emoluments, pension contributions or expenses were payable either in the 2026 or 2025 financial year.

4 Maintenance and Overheads

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2026 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2026 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2026 £	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2025 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2025 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £
IT Data Subscription	52	-	52	40	-	40
Legal & Professional	111	-	111	109	-	109
Insurance	2,354	-	2,354	2,199	-	2,199
Field Expenses	912	2,720	3,632	7,808	-	7,808
Pavilion and Playground costs	1,292	9,606	10,898	1,590	-	1,590
Cleaning & Waste	750	-	750	891	-	891
Training	0		0	165	-	165
Utility costs	1,437	-	1,437	2,152	-	2,152
Marketing and Fund raising	1,159	-	1,159	2,276		2,276
Bank charges	11	-	11	0	-	0
TOTAL	8,078	12,326	20,404	17,230	-	17,230

5 Cafe expenses

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2026 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2026 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2026 £	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2025 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2025 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £
Purchases	128	-	128	1,148	-	1,148
Credit card charges	3	-	3	36	-	36
TOTAL	131	-	131	1,184	-	1,184

6 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and certain tax exemptions apply.
All income, including grants, is expended entirely on the charitable activities of the company and no taxation therefore arises.

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land	Freehold Buildings	Other including Property Improvements etc	Playground Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
At 1 March 2025	111,578	234,667	61,070	82,229	489,544
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 28 February 2026	111,578	234,667	61,070	82,229	489,544
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 March 2025	-	100,234	42,646	62,732	205,612
Charge for year		5,377	3,685	1,950	11,012
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 28 February 2026	-	105,611	46,331	64,682	216,624
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 28 February 2026	111,578	129,056	14,739	17,547	272,920
At 29 February 2025	111,578	134,433	18,424	19,497	283,932

See Note 1.5 (page 7) for Depreciation calculations and Rates
There were no additions to Fixed Assets during the year.
A legal charge on the Freehold land of the charity secures amounts due or becoming due from the charity to the executors of R.A. Lewis (Deceased).

8 Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,346	240
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Total	2,346	240

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	140	-
Taxation and social security – VAT	466	355
Accruals and deferred income	404	735
Total	1,010	1,090

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10 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No member of the management committee received any remuneration during the year.
No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by AHSRA during the year (2024 £ Nil).

11 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	1 March 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	28 February 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				-	
National Lottery Grant	938	-	188	750	0
Cricket Club	693	-	139	554	0
W.I.	419	-	84	335	0
Big Lottery	1,857	-	371	1486	0
Cheshire UKSSPF	4,564		913	3651	0
Community Energy	800		160	640	0
Football Foundation	720		144	576	0
Robert Clutterbuck Fdn	800		160	640	0
Cheshire Community Welcoming	1,200		0	1,200	0
Big Lottery Grant		19,500	11,826		7,674
Rural Support		500	500		0
Community Action		950	0		950
Total Restricted Funds	**11,991**	**20,950**	**14,485**	**(9,832)**	**8,624**
Unrestricted Funds	**305,837**	**15,501**	**17,062**	**9,832**	**314,108**
Total Funds	**317,828**	**36,451**	**31,547**	-	**322,732**

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the charity that have not been designated for particular charitable purposes.
Restricted funds represent the balance remaining on 2 restricted funds for specific purposes.

Following a review of the balances on restricted funds £9,832 has been transferred to unrestricted funds as either a restricted grant was used to purchase a fixed asset which is held for unrestricted purposes or a grant has been fully utilised for the purpose intended.

12 Analysis of net assets between funds-28th February 2026

	Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	272,920	41,188	314,108
Restricted Funds	-	8,624	8,624
Total	272,920	49,812	322,732

13 Limited by guarantee

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each member has undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the company in the event of the company being wound up.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashton Hayes Sports and Recreation Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 28th February 2026 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. 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. the accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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: A M Milne

Name: ALAN M MILNE FCA (CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT).
Address: 16 DUNNS LANE
ASHTON HAYES
CH3 8BU

Date: 05-09-2026