SHERBURN AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY TRUST
ACCOUNTS
31 MARCH 2026

SHERBURN IN ELMET COMMUNITY TRUST
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2025		31	March	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	SHERBURN AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY TRUST
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1166770
Charity's principal address	SHERBURN AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY LIBRARY
	FINKLE HILL
	SHERBURN IN ELMET
	Postcode LS25 6EA

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	E Sibson		Resigned 31 December 2025	Trustee Resolution
2	K Packham	Secretary		Trustee Resolution
3	K Sibson	Vice Chair		Trustee Resolution
4	H Oldfield		Appointed 30 June 2025	Trustee Resolution
5	A Robertson			Trustee Resolution
6	J Farmer	~~Treasurer~~	~~Resigned on 31 March 2026~~	Trustee Resolution
7	S Phipps	Chair		Trustee Resolution
8	J Fewkes	Treasurer	Resigned on 31 March 2026	
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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

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by resolution

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.

Based on our strategy we developed action plans for each pillar of the Charity and monitored progress with key metrics.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Summary of purpose
Our charity is running two community buildings, the Community Library and the Old Girls' School Community Centre for the benefit of the residents of Sherburn and surrounding villages, providing educational, cultural, recreational and health facilities. In addition, we offer community development services to foster strong community links across all local voluntary organisations.

Additional Governance Issues
No changes

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

Summary of main activities

The year 2025–2026 has seen the continued success of our three pillars: The Old Girls' School Community Centre, The Community Library and The Community Anchor Organisation for our area, helping our community to thrive and be resilient.

Our **Trustee Board** continues to be a hardworking, dedicated group of local Trustees who continue to drive the organisation forward and make it responsive to changing local needs. Two trustees have retired during the year, and we thank them for their dedicated service.

Our **Community Centre, The Old Girls' School** continues to thrive. Working in collaboration with our Community Anchor pillar, we started the Cuppa Connect sessions, offering a warm space and a hot drink and snack through the winter. This has gone on to be a huge success bringing people from all sectors and a particularly pleasing benefit has been the inter-generational mixing of retirees and young nursery children. We also tied in Digital Inclusion funding to these sessions to offer technical support.

Our **Community Anchor** also secured funding to acquire digital gadgets through grants including digital microscopes, an interactive globe, 3D printer & Cricut craft machine, bringing fresh resources to our Library and Cuppa Connect sessions. The Wellbeing Walks have gone from strength to strength, offering new evening and weekend opportunities.

Meanwhile, **the Library** has continued to provide an excellent service to the local Community, open Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday, by a dedicated team of over 70 volunteers. We also launched free blood pressure checks at the Library and Community Centre. Other new library activities included an evening creative writing group and bump to baby meetings, growing use of the facilities when the library is usually shut.

The Trust has been a partner in a project called now Then! financed by the Arts Council and North Yorkshire Council. This involved a series of activities across all of our facilities and work with local schools and community groups. With huge support from two of our Trustees, the Now Then! Arts Festival debuted in Eversley Park in Sherburn in Elmet in August 2026.

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Key achievements

- At the Old Girls School over 45,000 people joined 1665 classes, groups and parties over the year
- At Cuppa Connect 680 people joined 27 cafe sessions supported by 11 volunteers.
- From our Digital Inclusion activity, 10 trained volunteers helped to sort 380 people's tech problems between September and March. One example of this being getting an elderly couple online and confident enough with their tablet to be able to have video calls with their family.
- Our Wellbeing Walks have increased in frequency due to high demand with 514 people joining 56 walks led by 11 walk leaders who volunteered 334 hours of time.
- In the Community Library 30,284 library users borrowed 29,961 books.
- The Summer Reading Challenge is always a popular event, and this summer involved 364 child participants.
- With our new blood pressure checks, we have with 6 trained volunteers, supporting at least 30 people since Jan 2026.
- Inaugural outdoor Arts Festival held in Eversley Park with over 1,000 people attending, decorated with1,400 Pom-Poms made by the local community.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The Trust had total bank reserves of £336,771 (2025: £354,447) of which £6,143 (2025: £1,811) are restricted reserves, all of which relates to the Community Fund. The reserves policy was reviewed to ensure we have sufficient funds to cover any major building works for the Old Girls School as it is a Victorian building for which we are wholly responsible under the terms of our lease. We also have funds to ensure we have at least 6 months operating costs.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

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 library continues to receive financial support from local parish councils.
The Community Support Network has received financial support from North Yorkshire County Council.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	K. Packham	
Full name(s)	K Packham	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	15/9/26	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: SHERBURN AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY TRUST

On accounts for the year ended	31 MARCH 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1166770

Set out on pages 8 - 15

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the account 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. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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: Michael Child **Date:** 15/9/26

Name: MICHAEL CHILD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): F.C.A

Address: CHILD & CO CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
20 KIRKGATE, SHERBURN IN ELMET
LEEDS, LS25 6BL

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sherburn and Villages Community Trust	No (if any) 1166770

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, Legacies & Grants	22,126	23,609	-	45,735	-
Fundraising Events	17,734	-	-	17,734	-
Fees for Charitable Services & Interest	6,872	-	-	6,872	-
Hire of Room & Cinema	78,977	-	-	78,977	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	125,709	23,609	-	149,318	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	125,709	23,609	-	149,318	-
A3 Payments					
Costs of Fundraising Events	5,146	-	-	5,146	-
Repairs & Renewals	14,089	-	-	14,089	-
Light & Heat	7,188	-	-	7,188	-
Rent & Cinema	5,847	-	-	5,847	-
Printing, postage, stationery, adverts	7,745	-	-	7,745	-
Wages	101,757	-	-	101,757	-
Cleaning	403	-	-	403	-
Telephone	1,808	-	-	1,808	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Grant money expenditure	3,329	19,276	-	22,605	-
Sundry	407	-	-	407	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	147,719	19,276	-	166,995	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	147,719	19,276	-	166,995	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 22,010	4,333	-	- 17,677	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-		-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	352,637	1,810	-	354,447	-
Cash funds this year end	330,627	6,143	-	336,770	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		330,627	6,143	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	330,627	6,143	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
K. Packham	KAREN PACKHAM	15/9/26