CRANFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
Trustees Annual Report
And
Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2026

CRANFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number	1188795
Trustees	Mr Chris Gilbert - Chair Mrs Louise Boniface - new Mr Raymond Munkley Mr Daryl Saint Mr Alan Metcalf - resigned Mrs Donna Johnson Mrs Diane Wigley Ms Pauline Kinns Mrs Helen Kennedy Mr Chris Brown – resigned Mr Michael Squires
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Independent Examiner	Mr H Distin FCA BSc

THE CRANFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITY TRUSTEES REPORT YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the Independently examined accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Governing Document
The Charity was registered on 30th March 2020 and is governed by a Constitution of a Charitable Organisation adopted on 18th March 2020.

Objects of the Charity
A. To further or benefit the residents of Cranfield and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the quality of life for the residents.

B. To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the association in furtherance of the above objects.

Activities
The Centre provides facilities for the benefit of residents of Cranfield and the surrounding neighbourhood. The Centre supports recreation, leisure, sport, community activity, local groups, children's activities, meetings, family celebrations and private community bookings.

The Centre has an established role in the village and is already actively used. It currently has 13 regular hirers, alongside around 2–3 private or community events most weekends. Estimated use varies depending on bookings and events, but the Centre supports approximately 100–250 visits in a typical week, with a further 200–300 visits on monthly market days.

The Trustees have continued to purchase any necessary fixtures and fittings to allow the building to operate and have undertaken day to day roles associated with the running of the Centre.

The Trustees, in view of falling income, increased the hire charges mid-year by 10% though regular hirers had this postponed for 12 months.

The ongoing saga surrounding the adoption of the playing fields (football and cricket) continues, with work still being carried out by the builders to ensure that the fields meet the required standards. While it is anticipated that the work will be completed towards the end of 2026, realistically, the fields are unlikely to be available for use until early 2027. In the meantime, the changing facilities remain closed.

Financial Review
The Community Centre income totalled £32,777 (£34,670), excluding Grants, a reduction of 5% .Total expenditure was £41,026 (£38,330), an increase of 7%.

The majority of income is from booking fees and these were down 14% from the previous year.

Key costs this year included the first payment of rent to the leaseholder (Parish Council) of £4500 per annum, with effect from September 2025. There was also a fire assessment review carried out by an external organisation and the replacement of all the fire extinguishers. And, as ever, the increasing utility costs (£16,000 compared to £13,000) imposes a financial burden on the Centre. However, we did receive the first payment of £3,000 from the supplier in respect of the solar panels.

Reserves
The Community Centre Charity considers that the level of reserves is currently sufficient to allow the Community Centre to open successfully in 2026-27.

Ongoing
The Trustees, in view of the falling income but increasing expenditure, have implemented a business plan in the new financial year to develop the Centre into a more vibrant, attractive and sustainable community hub.

This means improving the building, strengthening operations, growing community use, attracting more hirers, and making the Centre feel like a place local residents want to use and support. More use will generate more income and a financially sustainable Centre will provide greater long-term benefit to the community.

Cranfield is a growing village and needs accessible, affordable and welcoming community spaces. The Centre has the potential to serve as a central community hub for residents, clubs, families, older people, young people, sports groups and voluntary organisations.

It is pleasing to report these initiatives are already resulting in increased visibility, increased bookings, improved feedback and greater income.

Public Benefit
The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and consider that the charitable objects fall well within the public benefit guidelines.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Mr Chris Gilbert
Chair

Cranfield Community Centre

Receipts and Payments for 12 months ending 31st March 2026

		2025-26		2024-25	
		£	£	£	£
Receipts	(see notes)				
Grants Received			900		500
Booking Fees			28,784		33,546
Santa Revenue			567		446
Solar Panel income	4		2,962		-
Interest			464		678
Total Receipts			**33,677**		**35,170**
Payments					
Advertising & Art Weekend		-		100	
Audit & Accountancy fees		375		375	
Bank Fees		211		179	
Booking System		323		323	
Charity Donations		-		346	
Cleaning		5,080		3,881	
Fire & Security	3	3,323		1,657	
Fixtures & Fittings	1	1,092		676	
Gas & Electicity		16,324		13,477	
General Expenses		276		69	
Insurance		364		350	
Licences		360		360	
Rent	2	1,519			
Repairs & Maintenance		2,018		6,156	
Booking Admin		6,240		5,733	
Santa Grotto		167		112	
Software		382		376	
Table Tennis costs		13			
Telephone & Internet		769		879	
Travel		-		315	
Waste Disposal		1,776		2,163	
Water & Sewerage		414		903	
Total Payments		**41,026**		**38,330**	
Receipts over Payments			**(7,349)**		**(3,160)**

Bank balances	31/03/2026	31/03/2025
	£	£
CAF Bank Current Account	3,330	3,236
CAF Gold Savings Account	20,001	28,646
Paypal	2,362	1,206
Petty Cash	105	59
Total	**25,798**	**33,147**

Notes to the accounts

1 Purchase of Noticeboard

2 Rent due to Parish Council at £4k p.a. w.e.f. September 2025, less 10% contribution to running costs. As at March 2026, final balancing payment due for period from 1.12.25, with £750 paid on account.

3 Fire Assessment & replacement extinquishers

4 Solar Power income from January 2026 yet to be received.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Cranfield Community Centre Charity

I report to the trustees on my examination of the Cranfield Community Centre Charity for the year ended 31 March 2026

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 s.145 of the 2011 ACT and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.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 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; or

(3) The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 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.

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 .....

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Date: 19 August 2026.