CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/01/2025 Period start date To 31/12/2025 Period end date

Charity name: BRADLAUGH FIELDS AND BARN

Charity registration number: 1190797

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	*1) To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, including biodiversity, of Bradlaugh Fields, Northampton in particular but not exclusively by:* *a) carrying out work to protect, care for and manage or assist in managing the site as a habitat for flora and fauna and as a wild area.* *b) involving the wider public in activities such as working parties, wildlife events, path maintenance, litter picking and other events in accordance with the objects or other events acceptable to the site owners with their permission and in accordance with the objects.* *c) To support the local community that utilise the Barn and Fields as well as supporting educational promotion working with West Northants Park Ranger.* *2) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Northampton and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants, in particular by supporting, developing, improving and protecting Bradlaugh Fields and Barn, Northampton.*
Summary of the main activities in relation to those	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In accordance with the Bradlaugh Fields

purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.		and Barn constitution objectives the trustees have carried out the following activities during 2020, 2021,2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 **Green Flag Application 2020** Working with the West Northants Park Ranger to applying for the Green Flag award which we have continue to be awarded which fits in with plans to continue to promote conservation, protection, and improvement of the physical and natural environment, including biodiversity. We have ensured the park appeals to the local community, is a welcoming space and standards of maintenance are in line with protecting the natural environment, and encouraging wildlife. Working in collaboration with the West Northamptonshire Council Park Rangers, LIVE Team and Friends of Bradlaugh Fields and Barn to support the application of Green Flag status has been retained in 2025 thanks to the hard work of everyone involved in achieving this crucial award.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm they are aware of the guidance and have taken it into account when making relevant decisions.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		The charity works in collaboration with the 'Friends of Bradlaugh' committee who are volunteers from the local community, West Northamptonshire Council Park Rangers, Idverde and the Community Payback Team. Plus, a group of volunteers supporting the green space and activities within the barn and café. Teamwork with L.I.V.E (West Northamptonshire Councils' - Learning, Independence, Volunteering and Employment team).

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Green flag status retained protecting and improving the physical and natural environment. Nature connection sessions which helped engage with the local community and develops health and well-being. Working with local businesses and corporate volunteer parties alongside Bradlaugh volunteers to help support and improve the wildlife park. Wildlife park conservation projects to maintain the park environment and provide improvements. The relationship with local churches continues through the 'Woodland Church' community group activities once a month at the barn. Working with Community Payback team and the local council community café team - L.I.V.E. VE Day 70th anniversary street style party with Lunch to support the local community that utilise the Barn and Fields The continued running of the community café which between LIVE Team and Friends of Bradlaugh means we offer a warm chatty café hub 7 days a week Volunteer afternoon tea event held at the community barn to thank all of the Bradlaugh volunteers for their support. Supported coffee mornings with cake sales for both McMillian and Red Nose Day Pond rejuvenation project.

		Christmas celebration event supported by carol singers from the local schools.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserve policy is in place which sets aside money reserves to cover a potential drop in income. The barn café is the charity's main income (excluding grants which are applied for and spent on specific requirements and community events). Intake regularly fluctuates and there are annual regular and one off costs that need to be covered.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Café is our main source of income
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Ensuring we have the volunteers as many charities will be experiencing recruiting new volunteers in the current market is a challenge
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity's constitution governing document sets out the charitable purpose and how the charity is run.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bradlaugh Fields and Barn
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1190797
Charity's principal address	Fulford Drive Northampton NN2 7NX

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	Ann-Marie Boulter			
2	Anthony Marriott			
3	Jane Percival			
4	Karen Watkins			
5	Jen Cox	Taken over as chair 2026		
6	Liz Craddock			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Exemptions from disclosure

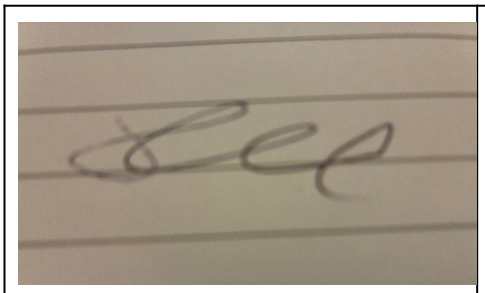
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jennifer Cox	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	8th October 2026	