CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

Charity name: Freshford & District Tennis Club

Charity registration number: 1192242

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities and coaching for playing tennis.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Freshford & District Tennis Club promotes community participation in health recreation by the provision of facilities and coaching for playing tennis. The facilities provided include two all-weather tennis courts – both of which are now floodlit - and a court-side pavilion/rain shelter. The courts are available not only to members, but also to members of the public upon the payment of a modest fee. There is no strict dress code (other than that suitable non-damaging footwear should be worn). The club is entirely volunteer-run, and there are no paid members of staff (the tennis coach is allowed to use the club's facilities to run his own business but is not paid an employee of the club). The principal work undertaken to manage the club's ongoing operation is undertaken by the five trustees. When required, club members are requested to volunteer to provide assistance to mitigate costs, where such work can be achieved safely and to a suitable level of quality. The club treasurer works with the membership secretary and therefore has understanding and control of all income and expenditures and of the club's bank accounts. Expenditure commitments exceeding £500 are subject to majority approval by the trustees. All expenditure receipts are logged. The club's financial

		accounts are produced annually for members' review.

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		

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	The 2024-25 membership numbers have risen slightly from last year and the 2024-25 subscription revenue has risen accordingly. Pay-and-play and guest fee income continues to rise and we are competitively priced against other clubs in the area. As with the 2023-24 season, a suite of half-price Autumn/Winter packages was introduced in October resulting in a limited number of further family membership sales. Pay-and-play continued to be used by members of the public, to which a few guest fees (now payable online) were added. We have also maintained a sponsorship deal with a local hotel where their guests will have limited access to the courts and our members will have reduced rates for drinks and food.

		Higher interest rates continued to deliver a much better return on our reserved cash. Some members, particularly the older ones, have struggled to use the Go-Cardless Online payment system to renew their membership so we have actively contacted those members and allowed them to pay directly into the charity bank account. Total income during 2025 was therefore higher again than in the previous 5 years. We continue to have many more members wishing to participate in league tennis and we currently provide the tennis balls which is a cost that will continue to escalate. We now have two Men's teams, two Ladies teams two mixed teams with members interested in forming another Ladies team and a veteran ladies team. We have agreed that from 2026 members will have to contribute towards the cost of the balls. Our social committee have also been very busy providing various events aimed at everyone from children to the over 65's in order to bring people together and have organised competition and this is succeeding as the attendance figures have improved. We have discussed having a club championship in 2026 to test the interest. We have paid for pre-planning and planning application for a clubhouse. We currently pay the football club £1,500 a year for access to their toilets however this continues to cause issues as there are only limited keys and the toilets are often in no fit state to be used. We are investigating the viability of building a clubhouse however we are aware that the funds needed for the build will be substantial and will require substantial fundraising. We believe the clubhouse will be a real asset for all members.

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	Any annual surplus contributes towards a sinking fund designed to be sufficient for court resurfacing (which normally might be expected to be required about once every 10-15 years) and to assist with other major capital expenditure to enhance the facilities available to its users. The courts were last resurfaced in 2008. With a continuing programme of court repair and re-coating, it is expected that resurfacing will not now be required for another 1 to 2 years at an estimated cost of approximately £35,000. We are currently looking at a number of options that may prolong the lifetime of the current surface, delaying the requirement to replace the surface in the near future. It's inevitable that the courts will need to be replaced, so any major outlay on extending the lifetime of the current surface has to make sense from a cost perspective.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the period we held £6,382.97 in a current account with HSBC and £60,409.19 in a Deposit account also with HSBC
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 club's principal source of funding remains the membership fees, supplemented to a lesser degree by income from pay-and-play. Grants will be requested from various bodies when large capital expenditures are to be made. The membership and pay-and-play fees are used to cover ongoing costs such as lease costs (to the owner of the grounds) and general maintenance such as court cleaning, grass cutting and repairs. Any annual surplus contributes towards a sinking fund designed to be sufficient for court resurfacing (expected to be required about once every 10-15 years) and to assist with other major capital expenditure to improve the facilities available to its users. Whilst we pay the football club for access to toilets, many members don't like using them and access is difficult. We are looking therefore at various alternative solutions including a clubhouse. We decided to pay for planning applications to see whether a clubhouse would be an option and it appears that planning is possible. The next stage is to properly understand the costs involved in completing the project and compare the various options in terms of size, facilities and materials. Maintenance of the facilities to a high standard will ensure that club members and members of the public will be able to continue to enjoy the sport of tennis in Freshford for many years to come.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
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A description of the principal risks facing the charity		
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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	Appointed by the Board of Trustees with the exception that at AGMs, one third of the trustees shall retire from office. The vacancies so arising may be filled from the current membership by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting by show of hands

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	Freshford & District Tennis Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1192242
Charity's principal address	2 Stanley Hill Cottages Freshford Bath BA2 7US

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	Jonathan Stewart Lewis	Chairman	19 May 2026	
2	Perran Trerise	Treasurer		
3	Valencia Hayes	Family Liaison Officer		
4	Penny Williams		13 April 2025	
5	Alisa Burke	Membership Secretary		
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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)	Perran Trerise	Jonathan Stewart Lewis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chairman

Date	

Freshford & District
Tennis Club Accounts
Final Accounts 1-1-25 to 31-12-2025

	2025	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**
Income				
Subscriptions (Using Go-Cardless)	£11,922.00	£12,255.50	£12,332.00	£12,344.00
Subscription Repayments	-	-	-	£120.00
Pay and Play and Guest Fees	£1,465.00	£1,227.00	£664.00	£584.57
Subscriptions Paid Direct	£1,873.50	£1,075.00	-	-
Interest on accounts	£935.69	£876.30	£536.44	£87.75
Floodlight income	£135.00	£91.07	£200.00	£167.00
Floodlight income - Ron	£416.00	£320.00	-	-
Homewood Payment	£700.00	£99.50	-	-
Visitors / Events/Summer Camp	-	-	£120.00	£260.00
Extraordinary payments	-	£7,500.00	-	-
Total Income	£17,447.19	£23,444.37	£13,852.44	£13,323.32
Expenditure (£)				
Rent	£2,885.00	£1,885.00	£2,335.00	£2,335.00
Coaching fees / retainer	-	-	-	-
LTA subscriptions/refunds	£310.00	£280.00	-	£480.00
Grass Cutting	£1,590.00	£1,150.00	£980.00	£685.00
Repairs / maintenance	£85.97	£1,195.00	£775.00	£775.00
Ad Hoc maintenance	-	£260.40	£34.58	£388.08
Extraordinary Expenses	-	£18,960.00	£12,233.40	£12,486.50
Purchases				
Tennis balls / Trophies etc.	£467.80	£595.30	£238.98	£143.83
Match fees	-	-	£15.00	£10.00

Equipment	£409.95	£135.20	-	£24.08
Electricity	£949.38	£979.08	-	-
Administration				
Loan Repayment	£1,500.00	£750.00	-	-
Bank charges	£40.00	£60.00	£60.00	£60.00
Legal fees, Planning Aps and licences	£1,537.00	£30.00	-	£47.99
Advertising and PR	£49.00	-	-	£225.00
Events	£563.59	£197.47	-	£149.51
AGM, General / Misc.	£164.40	-	£24.00	£77.70
Go Cardless Fees	£219.35	£225.36	£230.13	£232.14
Stripe Fees	£94.64	£99.69	£45.08	£40.15
Total Expenditure	**£10,866.08**	**£26,052.50**	**£16,971.17**	**£18,160.08**
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	6,581.11	- 2,608.13	- 3,118.73	-4,836.76
Balance Sheet				
Current Account closing balance	£6,382.97	£8,730.55	£14,464.98	£5,886.75
Deposit Account closing balance	£60,409.19	£51,480.50	£34,104.20	£45,801.16
Total Bank	£66,792.16	£60,211.05	£48,569.18	£51,687.91
Accrued income - O/S subs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Prepayments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Historical timing adjustments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Current Assets	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Assets	**£66,792.16**	**£60,211.05**	**£48,569.18**	**£51,687.91**
Current Liabilities	-12,750.00	-14,250.00	£0.00	£0.00
Accounts Payable	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Liabilities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Net Assets	£54,042.16	£45,961.05	£48,569.18	£51,687.91
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	£6,581.11	-£2,608.13	-£3,118.73	-£4,836.76

Club Members Funds	£47,461.05	£48,569.18	£51,687.91	£56,524.67
Total Funds	**£54,042.16**	**£45,961.05**	**£48,569.18**	**£51,687.91**