CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 January 2025 **To** 31st December 2025

Charity name	Padfield Community Spaces
Registered charity number	1197352
Charity's principal address	49 Temple Street, Padfield, Glossop, SK13 1EL
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Structure, Governance and Management

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Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO 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	Election from members at AGM, or co-opted by Trustees (and then voted on at next AGM). Positions of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary all voted for by members at AGM.
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit, (1) to advance the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment of the village of Padfield, in particular but not exclusively by securing and managing local green spaces within the village, with consideration and sympathy for the natural and cultural heritage of the area and in harmony with the character and nature of the village. (2) to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Padfield and the surrounding area the provision of local green spaces for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.
Beneficiaries of our service		Our beneficiaries are; the local residents, community and visitors of Padfield and the surrounding areas, providing access to green spaces for those who need it because of their age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	PCS is entirely volunteer run, and we benefit enormously from the time given by these people to help the charity. Volunteers and trustees sit on various committees to help govern the charity, raise funds and plan and run community events.

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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risks facing the charity relate to maintaining sufficient volunteer and trustee capacity to manage our activities effectively, and securing short-term funding to support our work, although our low operating costs help to mitigate this risk.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Peter Tomlin	Chairperson	
2	Daniela Roxana Devonport		Stood down Sept 2025
3	Kelly Tomlin		
4	Brian Skelhon		
5	Janis Birchall		
6	Ruth Downes		Stood down Sept 2025
7	Jackie Kilkenny	Treasurer	
8	Alex Baker		
9	Joan Joyce		
10	Bartek Verde		Stood down Jan 2025

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Solicitors: Davis Blank Furniss
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Accountants: Third Sector Accountancy Ltd, Holyoake House, Hanover Street, Manchester, M60 0AS

Chairpersons Report: Charity Achievements and Performance

SORP reference Para 1.17, 1.19 and 1.20

Summary of the main activities in relation to the charity's purposes for the public benefit and 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.

2025 has been a challenging, but ultimately highly successful year for Padfield Community Spaces. We ended 2024 having heard that our application to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Community Ownership Fund had been successful and that we had been awarded £49,746 to enable the charity to purchase Temple Street Field and deliver some initial improvement work. The Trustees would like to place on record our thanks to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for this funding, which helped the charity achieve a goal which we have been working on since 2020. We were enormously grateful to also receive match funding support for this project from

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Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Foundation Derbyshire, High Peak Borough Council and several generous donations from local residents. Similarly, our successful completion of the purchase and the overall project would not have been possible without the collaboration with POGS Ltd including their significant discounted price for the site purchase and additional generous donation to the charity. The latter will set the charity up for a sustainable future going forwards for several years.

PCS divided our COF project into four distinct workstreams to facilitate appropriate project management, delivery and oversight of each area.

1) Planning Permission

As a condition of funding, PCS were required to seek planning permission for the approval for a change of use from agricultural to community garden. We commissioned a planning specialist to write up a planning application and accompanying documents including scaled maps and identifying local policy drivers which supported our application.

A significant barrier to obtaining planning approval became apparent shortly after beginning this process. During the delay experienced in COF grant award decisions and communication due to the 2024 General Election, a new piece of legislation, Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), had come into effect. This had not been anticipated due to it not being enacted until just before our project began (we would not have encountered this on the original project timeline).

In order to achieve the required planning approval PCS now had to complete a BNG assessment using the small sites metric. This involved us assessing the current habitats of the site, assessing the planned impact of our work on the habitats on the site (for example, installing a path leads to a small loss of grassland) and identifying habitat improvements to deliver a 10% net gain, which we will achieve through grassland restoration and tree planting (including our orchard). Our habitat improvement plans were all things which we wanted to do anyway, but this process formulises the decisions. We were extremely grateful for the support of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust who provided invaluable advice before submitting the application and subsequent condition discharges. We were also thankful to Councillor Ollie Cross for his help in ensuring the council fast tracked our application through the planning system, ensuring that we met the wider project deadlines. Whilst this did introduce delays to the overall project, and meant that purchase was pushed back from our original planned date, we were able to obtain full planning permission in time and able to purchase the site and carry out all of the project activity on site before the project end date. Securing the planning approval was a significant undertaking and demonstrated the capacity, flexibility and tenacity of our small charity and our volunteers.

2) Commissioning a site management plan

PCS commissioned Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to write up a long term management plan for the site. This would incorporate the vision of the charity for the site including areas for picnicking, an orchard and wildlife area. Alongside this the plan also set out practical steps to deliver and monitor the vision and our new BNG commitments, for example providing advice on suitable grassland management to increase species diversity. Via this process, we also carried out a community consultation event attended by over 30 people to enable residents to provide feedback and ask questions on the management plan. This was a very positive experience and we came away confident that the community understood and supported our plans. The final plan is a valuable resource for the charity going forwards, covering the next 30 years of delivery and monitoring.

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3) Site purchase

The site was acquired on 7th Nov 2025.

4) Initial site work

PCS commissioned a local tree surgeon to carry out initial tree safety work, for example, felling two diseased Ash trees adjacent to the children's play area which neighbours the site. Whilst we would have preferred to retain these trees, it was felt that they presented too great a safety risk and liability for the charity. We appointed another contractor to remove the old boundary and replace it with a new post and rail fence, installing two Equality Act compliant kissing gates and two new picnic benches and three smaller benches. These will enable our beneficiaries to safely access the site providing opportunities for sensitive enjoyment, leisure and recreation. It will also benefit nature through protecting sensitive areas of the site or demarking the new 'wildlife zone'.

We carried out our first community work days to involve local volunteers in the management of the site. This involved clearing the site of rubbish, creating habitat piles, removing other defunct infrastructure and installing new signage. We have also planted hundreds of native bulbs including snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells and planted around 50 new trees on site. These community work days will continue into the future involving our community in regular site maintenance and help the charity restore the biodiversity on site, advancing the overall conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment of the village of Padfield

The charity continues to receive strong community support and membership of the charity has grown to 76 members. We continue to see ongoing support for the charity in the form of regular donations and participation in the High Peak Lottery. We are entirely volunteer run and I would like to thank the Trustees and volunteers for their commitment, hard work and tenacity demonstrated through the year.

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Treasurers Report: Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

SORP reference Para 1.21 and 1.47.

Summary of the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) and expenditure.

The principal sources of funding this year totalled £53,246. The majority of which was obtained from a Government funding stream allowing PCS to purchase the field.

Alongside the purchase an amount of £24,374 was spent obtaining Planning Permission, a report prepared by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and new infrastructure all helping to create a Community Garden.

This has left an amount of £1,205 going forward into 2026.

Statement explaining the policy Charities reserves policy.
SORP reference Para 1.22

As a small charity we do not currently hold designated reserves, but the trustees aim to build an appropriate level of reserves as the charity grows.

Going concern statement
SORP reference Para 1.23

The trustees consider that the charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future and therefore believe it remains a going concern.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	
Full Name	**Pete Tomlin**
Position	**Chairperson**
Date	06 / 08 / 2026

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Report to the trustees of Padfield Community Spaces

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 as set out on pages 8 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

    have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

06 / 08 / 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

for the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	2,468	-	2,468	346
Grants	-	53,246	53,246	-
Other income generated	313	-	313	718
Investments	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,781	53,246	56,027	1,064
Total receipts	2,781	53,246	56,027	1,064
Payments				
Project costs	-	24,374	24,374	-
IT and communications	345	-	345	327
Subscriptions	-	-	-	10
Insurance	112	-	112	112
Sundry/other costs	-	-	-	349
Sub total	457	24,374	24,831	798
Asset and investment purchases				
Land - Temple Street Field	-	32,631	32,631	-
Sub total	-	32,631	32,631	-
Total payments	457	57,005	57,462	798
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,324	- 3,759	- 1,435	266
Transfers between funds	- 2,759	2,759	-	-
Cash funds last year end	1,640	1,000	2,640	2,374
Cash funds this year end	1,205	-	1,205	2,640

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Bank current account	1,205	-
Total cash funds	1,205	-

Assets retained for the charity's own use	Fund *un/restricted*	Cost £	Current value £
Land - Temple Street Field		32,631	32,631

Liabilities
None

Approved and signed on behalf of all trustees on: 06 / 08 / 2026

Peter Tomlin, Trustee

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