CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of
Charity Name: Oxenhope straw race

On accounts for the year ended: 31 December 2025

Charity no (if any): 1207925

Set out on pages: 3
(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 31/12/2025.

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 section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 07/10/2026.

Name: Stuart Rook

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Accountant. FCCA

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20 Clark House Way
Skipton
BD23 6DP

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.	

Oxenhope Straw Race 2025 Summary Statement

IN				OUT		
Entry fees: 2025	16,982.40	19,137.18		**Outgoings:**		
2026	2,154.78					
				G Moore - 2025 event insurance	399.55	
Sponsorship (individuals/teams):	3,569.62	3,569.62		Portaloos	372.00	
				St John's Ambulance	171.60	
Sponsorship (corporate)				Traffic Management	1,000.00	
Day & Co	500.00			Straw	1,175.00	
Bar Matt - Race Day	1,280.00			Shopify fees	100.00	
Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream	100.00			Community Centre Hire	80.00	
Bar Matt - Beer & Bales Bash	463.00			PayPal Fees	22.35	
				Stationery	443.85	
		2,343.00		T-Shirts	2,156.40	
				Buses - Keighley Community Transport	320.40	
Registration Day/Race Day/Misc. cash donations:				Trophy purchase/engraving - ETEC	81.00	
Merch	209.39			Beer & Bales Bash costs	296.50	6,618.65
Miscellaneous	3,493.43					
Bus ticket donations	17.20	3,720.02				
				(Profit for the year (IN minus Outgoings)	**29,191.57**	)
T-Shirt Sales	4,054.12	4,054.12				
Sponsor A Bale	1,218.82	1,218.82		**Donations:**		
				Cullingworth Scouts	200.00	
Presentation Night:				Donations to Manorlands, etc.	28,000.00	
Ticket sales	716.33					28,200.00
Raffle	1,004.18				**Total OUT:**	**34,818.65**
Collecting buckets	46.95	1,767.46				
	Total IN:	**35,810.22**		**End of year summary:**		
				Carried over from 2024:		4,910.43
Soft credits:				Plus total raised directly:	35,810.22	40,720.65
Others - Direct payments to Manorlands	240.00			Less costs:	6,618.65	34,102.00
				Less donations made to date:	28,200.00	5,902.00
		240.00		**Balance carried forward to 2026:**		**5,902.00**
Grand total raised in 2025:		**36,050.22**				

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2025 To 31 December 2025

Charity name: Oxenhope Straw Race

Charity registration number: 1207925

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Oxenhope Straw Race is a registered charity whose aims and objects are to raise funds for local good causes (associations or charities whose aims and objects include the provision of educational, medical, social, recreational or environmental benefits to any person or persons living in the village of Oxenhope, West Yorkshire or any person or association who is raising funds to support any such purpose).
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 main activity of the Oxenhope Straw Race charity is to hold an annual event known as the Oxenhope Straw Race, traditionally held on the first Sunday in July. The charity may also decide to hold other fund raising activities from time to time through the rest of the year.**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**All Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit**

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

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	**The Oxenhope Straw Race does not currently make grants.**
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	**The Oxenhope Straw Race does not currently have a social investment programme.**
	Para 1.38	**Approximately 30 volunteers help on Race Day, to marshal the race, distribute**

Contribution made by volunteers		**the straw bales, beer and finishers' medals, collect cash donations from spectators, etc.**
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	**In 2025, the Oxenhope Straw Race charity raised over £28,000, of which £27,000 was distributed to local charities and good causes, including:** - **Manorlands, the Sue Ryder Hospice in Oxenhope** - **Oxenhope Juniors football club** - **Oxenhope Juniors Cricket Club** - **Oxenhope Warm Space** - **Worth Valley Food Bank** - **The Good Shepherd Centre** - **Oxenhope Pensioners group**

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	**See the accompanying 2025 Summary Statement**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**The Oxenhope Straw Race charity does not hold reserves.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£0.00**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**In lieu of holding reserves, we carry over approximately £1,500 from one year to the next to ensure that we have sufficient funds in our bank account to cover expenditure in the first 6 months of the year in the run up to our main fundraising event on the first Sunday of July.**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**The fund is not materially in deficit.**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**We do not currently have any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.**

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 Oxenhope Straw Race's principal source of funds is the Oxenhope Straw Race itself, which is held on the first Sunday in July. This generates approximately £19,000 in entry fees.** **Other significant sources of funds include personal and corporate sponsorship (c.£2,000 in 2025), T-shirt sales (c.£4,000 in 2025), "Sponsor A Bale" sponsorship (c.£1,300 in 2025), and the Presentation Night held in early October (c.£1,700 in 2025).**
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	**The Oxenhope Straw Race does not make investments of any kind.**
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	**The Oxenhope Straw Race does not currently face any risks.**
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		**The 4 Trustees (Robin Wright, Roger McDowell, Ken Dyson and George Bingham) manage the charity's assets and operate the charity, with the assistance of a committee of like-minded volunteers.**
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	**Unincorporated association**
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	**The 4 original and current Trustees volunteered to be Trustees when the charity was first set up. The constitution defines whether and how additional Trustees may be appointed.**

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	Oxenhope Straw Race
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1207925
Charity's principal address	BRIDGEHOUSE MILL HAWORTH KEIGHLEY WEST YORKSHIRE BD22 8PA

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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	Robin Wright	Chair		
2	George Bingham	Treasurer		
3	Robin McDowell	Trustee		
4	Ken Dyson	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

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

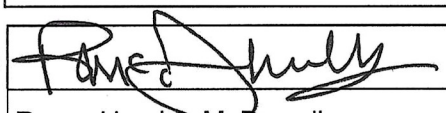
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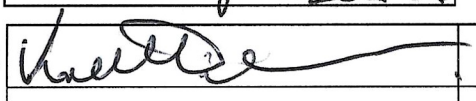
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Robin Alexander Wright	
Position	Chair	
Date	25th SEPT. 2026	

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	George Frederick Bingham	
Position	Treasurer	
Date	25 September 2026	

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Roger Hamish McDowell	
Position	Trustee	
Date	27TH SEPT. 2026.	

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kenneth Dyson	
Position	Trustee	
Date	28/9/2026	