Charity Commission Trustees' Annual Report: Holly's Active Stars 2025-2026

For the financial year: 01st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

1. Reference and administrative information

Charity Name: Holly's Active Stars
Charity registration number: 1208378
Legal structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Principal office: Holly's Active Stars, Unit 12, 26 St Thomas Place, Ely, CB7 4EX
Website: www.hollysactivestars.org.uk
Governing document: Constitution dated 23.05.2024.

Trustees serving during the reporting year:

Trustee name	Position
Nikki Pasek	Chair
Alison Chambers	Treasurer
Caroline Brown	Trustee
Kieran Carr	Trustee

Trustees appointed or leaving during the year: Kieran Carr reappointed for a further term of three years.

Volunteers serving during reporting year:

Volunteer name	Position
Jill Fairchild	Volunteer CEO & Secretary
Sarah English	Volunteer

Principal bank: Lloyds Bank, Minster Place, Ely, CB7 4EN

2. Structure, governance and management

Holly's Active Stars is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.
The charity is governed by its constitution and managed by its board of trustees, who are responsible for ensuring that the charity operates in accordance with its charitable purposes and legal obligations.
The trustees are responsible for:

- Ensuring the charity delivers its charitable objectives.
- Maintaining appropriate financial controls and accountability.
- Ensuring donations and resources are used appropriately.
- Managing risks and safeguarding the charity's beneficiaries, volunteers and supporters.
- Ensuring compliance with Charity Commission requirements.

Trustee meetings

The trustees met four times during the reporting year. Meetings included consideration of financial performance, fundraising, donations, distribution of sports equipment, operational matters, risks and future development.

3. Charitable purposes and objectives

Holly's Active Stars was founded in 2023 in memory of Holly Fairchild, a passionate young footballer who passed away unexpectedly at age 16. The charity was established to honor her legacy by promoting access to physical activity for all, especially those facing barriers due to financial hardship, age, disability, or other disadvantages.

Charitable Object: 'The advancement of amateur sport and the promotion of participation in healthy recreation by providing free sportswear and sports equipment, for the benefit of people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, in particular but not exclusively those in need by reason of youth, age, disability and financial hardship.'

Vision: That everyone in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has access to the sportswear or equipment they need to be physically active.

Mission: To collect and redistribute new and used sportswear and equipment to enable participation in physical activity across the region.

Values: Caring, Respectful, Collaborative and Community focused.

4. Activities undertaken during the year

During the reporting year, the charity continued to collect, sort and redistribute good-quality donated sports clothing and equipment to people of all ages who needed support.

Our main activities included:

Donations and collections

- Collecting pre-loved sports clothing and equipment through community donation points and fundraising events.
- Maintaining and developing permanent donation bin locations.
- Encouraging individuals, families, sports clubs and organisations to donate reusable kit.

Redistribution

- Providing free sports clothing and equipment to people through our referral process and pop-up events.
- Working with youth workers, sports club leaders and other trusted community contacts to identify families who may benefit.
- Ensuring donations are appropriate, good quality and suitable for reuse.

Community engagement and partnerships

- Developing relationships with local sports clubs, schools, businesses and community organisations.
- Attending community events to raise awareness and encourage donations.
- Collaborating with partners to increase the reach and accessibility of the charity.

Environmental sustainability

- Giving good-quality sports clothing and equipment a second life.
- Reducing the amount of reusable sports kit sent to landfill.
- Promoting a culture of reuse, recycling and responsible consumption.

5. Achievements and performance

The trustees are pleased to report the following achievements during the year:

Our impact in numbers

Measure	Annual total
Individuals supported	197
Items of sports clothing redistributed	452

Items of sports equipment redistributed	64
Cost saving to Individuals	£7,698
Textile waste saved	199 Kg
Carbon Footprint saved	4276 Kg CO2e
Oil saved	217 Kg
Water saved	25,059 Litres
Donation points maintained	8

Key achievements

During the year, the charity:

- Tripled the number of individuals supported compared to the last reporting year.
- Established four further donation points within the County, therefore totalling eight permanent donation locations.
- Engaged in notable fundraising events in this period included sponsored 8 hours of sport, London marathon, stalls at a local beer festival and world pea shooting championship, Dingle marathon, disco along with a donation from a local business and charity.
- Continued with the Click and collect distributions across Cambridge City, along with the delivery and postage of kit parcels to other parts of the County.

- Received the highest votes and was therefore chosen as the Charity Partner for two seasons for Cambridgeshire FA.

Difference made to beneficiaries

The charity continues to make a positive difference to families experiencing financial pressures by helping individual's access appropriate sports clothing and equipment without the cost being a barrier to participation.

By providing free, good-quality kit, we aim to help people feel included, confident and able to take part in physical activities alongside their peers.

Wider community impact

Our work also benefits the wider community by encouraging generosity, volunteering, community connections and the sustainable reuse of sports clothing and equipment.

6. Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims, objectives and activities.

The charity delivers public benefit by supporting individuals who may face financial barriers to participating in sport and physical activity.

The provision of free sports clothing and equipment helps promote inclusion, participation, confidence and opportunities for improved physical and emotional wellbeing.

The charity's environmental work also benefits the wider community by reducing waste and encouraging the reuse of good-quality sports equipment and clothing.

The charity's services are provided in accordance with its charitable purposes and are available to eligible beneficiaries through its referral arrangements.

7. Volunteers and supporters

Holly's Active Stars relies on the generosity and commitment of volunteers, donors, community organisations and supporters.

During the year, volunteers contributed their time to:

- Sorting and organising donated items.
- Managing donation points and collections.
- Preparing and fulfilling referrals.
- Supporting fundraising and community events.
- Promoting the charity and encouraging donations.

The trustees would like to thank all volunteers, donors, supporters and partner organisations for their continued commitment and contribution.

Without this support, the charity would not be able to deliver the services and opportunities it provides to local individuals and families.

8. Financial review

Financial performance

The charity's financial position for the year is summarised in the accompanying annual accounts.

Sources of income

The charity's income during the year was generated through:

- Individual donations.
- Fundraising events and activities.
- Corporate and business donations.
- Grants and charitable contributions.

- Community fundraising initiatives.

Expenditure

The charity's expenditure included:

- Donation collection and storage costs.
- Purchase of donation bins.
- Transport and distribution costs.
- Fundraising and event costs.
- Website, administration and communication costs.
- Insurance and other essential running costs.

The trustees seek to ensure that expenditure is proportionate, appropriate and directly supports the charity's charitable objectives and effective operation.

Financial sustainability

The trustees continue to monitor income and expenditure to ensure that the charity remains financially sustainable and can continue to provide its services without unnecessary financial risk.

9. Risk management

The trustees regularly consider risks that may affect the charity's ability to deliver its objectives and maintain a risk register which is reviewed bi-annually.

The trustees seek to minimise these risks through appropriate policies, procedures, financial oversight and regular review.

Significant incidents during the year: No incidences have occurred.

10. Plans for the future

Over the next financial year, the trustees intend to:

- Consolidate and expand donation and collection points.
- Expand and establish click and collect locations within East and South Cambridgeshire to aid kit distribution.
- Increase awareness of Holly's Active Stars across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- Develop relationships with additional sports clubs, schools and community organisations.
- Increase the number of individual's benefiting from the charity.
- Continue to promote the reuse of sports clothing and equipment.
- Explore sustainable fundraising opportunities and additional sources of income.
- Review the charity's operational capacity, volunteer support and financial sustainability.

The trustees remain committed to ensuring that Holly's Active Stars continues to make a meaningful difference to people in the local community.

11. Statement of trustees' responsibilities and approval

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the accompanying accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission and the charity's governing document.

The trustees confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, the information contained within this report provides an accurate account of the charity's activities, achievements and financial position during the reporting year.

Approved by the board of trustees on: 13.11.2026.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name: Nikki Pasek

Position: Chair

Signature:



Date: 13.11.2026

Name: Alison Chambers

Position: Treasurer

Signature:



Date: 13.11.2026

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Financial Statement
01-04-2025-31-03-2026

Income	
Bank Interest Received	£130.22
Unrestricted Donations (Including Just Giving)	£6,450.07
Haddenham Beer Festival fundraiser and Donation	£1,154.16
Witcham Pea Shooting Tombola	£113.00
Total Income	**£7,847.45**
Expenditure	
Administration Costs	£1,103.78
Insurance	£407.20
Mileage Expenses	£491.32
Subscriptions	£47.00
Bank Charges	£0.42
Total Expenditure	**£2,049.72**
Total Income - Expenditure	**£5,797.73**
Bank Account Balance as at 31-03-2026	
Current Account	£616.10
Savings Account	£22,143.74
Cash Float	£50.00
	£22,809.84

Checked and approved
Year end 31st March 2026

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Dated - 13/11/2026