EAST RUSTON POORS ALLOTMENT

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees	David Love (Chairman) Heath Brooks Roland Grimmer (Treasurer) Victor Pestell Paul Kirby John McLeod
Company Secretary	S Kelly
Charity Number	208513
Independent Examiner	Mr S Dickerson Fairhead Bradford Chartered Accountants Bradford House Yarmouth Road Stalham Norfolk NR12 9PD
Bankers	Barclays Bank 40 – 42 Market Place Great Yarmouth Norfolk NR30 1LX
Principal Address	c/o The Gables Chequers Street East Ruston Norwich Norfolk NR12 9JT

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TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Trustees
The trustees who managed the charity during the year were:

David Love
Heath Brooks
Roland Grimmer
Victor Pestell
Paul Kirby
John McLeod

Structure, governance and management
The charity is constituted and governed by a Scheme of the 8th April 1971 and an Order dated 9th August 2006.

Trustees are nominated by the Parish Council and other organisations linked with the charity's interests and are appointed by the existing trustees.

Objectives and activities
The charity's principal object is to provide a fuel allowance to pensioners, widows and poor persons resident in the parish of East Ruston. If the charity's income is surplus for this purpose it is available for special help for children in the village and also for relieving, either generally or individually, persons resident in the parish of East Ruston who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

Achievements
The Trustees have continued their primary role of maintaining the Poors Allotments land in a healthy environmental state with the future always in mind.

The contractor completed his second year of trimming all the boundary hedges as the trustees feel that a light trim every year is far better than a longer cycle with heavy cutting.

The Japanese Knotweed on the common, by the Furze, continues to be monitored and treated where required.

The Trustees continue to work with the School to maintain the areas that the children have access to, to help them understand nature.

Unfortunately, the decision was taken not to issue payments this year to pensioners. This was the result of the continuing reduction in receipts from the Government and the inevitable rise in the costs of maintaining the Common. This decision will be reviewed annually.

The Trustees made a considerable donation towards the cost of the new parking area outside the Village Hall as this is also an access route to the playing field.

A donation was also made to the School towards the cost of new signage.

The Trustees will continue to manage both the Common and their finances for the benefit of the village.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

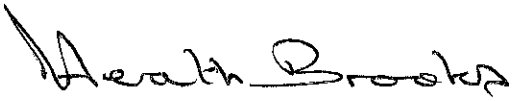
Reserves Policy

Surplus income is held in reserves as a contingency for unforeseen expenditure or a fall in future receipts.

Financial review

The charity's principal income arises from the rent of land for grazing, agriculture and sporting rights together with land related grants from the Rural Payments Agency.

The trustees declare that they approved the above report on 25 AUGUST 2026.



H Brooks (Parish Council Appointed Trustee)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

CHARITY NO 208513

Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' View which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Fairhead Bradford

25 AUGUST 2026

Mr S Dickerson FCCA
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Bradford House
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
RECEIPTS				
Dividends	313	0	313	303
Wayleaves (net)	692	0	692	663
Rents	5,177	0	5,177	5,768
Bank account interest	452	0	452	545
Shooting	850	0	850	850
Rural payment agency	25,146	0	25,146	27,511
Telephone mast	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	32,630	0	32,630	35,640
PAYMENTS				
Coal payments	90	0	90	1,395
Fencing, clearing, ditching etc.	12,226	0	12,226	12,576
Donations	7,850	0	7,850	0
Accountancy	426	0	426	408
Public liability insurance	1,261	0	1,261	1,261
Village Hall hire	36	0	36	12
Secretarial services	1,725	0	1,725	0
Postage and stationery	51	0	51	76
Outings /Teas	0	0	0	1,569
FWAG membership	420	0	420	420
FWAG scheme management	114	0	114	0
Land agent	870	0	870	882
TOTAL PAYMENTS	25,069	0	25,069	18,600
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	7,562	0	7,562	17,040
Cash funds at 31st March 2025	188,595	0	188,595	171,555
Cash funds at 31st March 2026	196,157	0	196,157	188,595

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31ST MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash funds			
Barclays current account	158,272	0	158,272
Barclays deposit account	37,710	0	37,710
Petty cash	175	0	175
	196,157	0	196,157

Other monetary assets (unrestricted funds)	
COIF charity funds	9,731
Liabilities (unrestricted funds)	
Creditor - Independent Examiners fee	438

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 25 AUGUST 2026
and signed on their behalf by:

Heath Brooks
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H Brooks (Trustee)

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D P J Love (Chairman)