Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

The British Commonwealth Rifle Club (Charity No: 216504)

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Club are to promote interest and skill in rifle shooting within the Commonwealth, including by assisting teams and individuals from the Commonwealth competing at prize meetings of the National Rifle Association and the National Small-bore Rifle Association, the better to enable them to take part when required in the defence of their Countries and the Commonwealth.

Main Activities

In typical years the Club holds various events:

- A two-day annual prize meeting in early July which generates most of the Club's surplus for the year.
- A team match in mid-July where club teams compete against teams from the various visiting Commonwealth countries.
- A Club Championship and other trophies which are based on scores made in the National Rifle Association's Imperial Meeting.
- A reception to welcome all our overseas visitors during the National Rifle Association's Imperial Meeting.

These events are timed to give our Commonwealth visitors the opportunity for appropriate 'warm-up' practice before the start of the National Rifle Association's Imperial Meeting.

The Club house is made available to our visitors from the Commonwealth to use as a base and to provide secure equipment storage.

In 2025 the Club ran a full programme of events and were delighted to be able to welcome our friends from overseas, with national teams from Jersey, Guernsey, Canada, Australia, USA, Kenya & Guyana along with individual competitors from South Africa, New Zealand, the West Indies & Europe. Although the Club house was open to members and visitors, the kitchen remained closed.

With a new lease on our Clubhouse signed in 2024 we have been able to secure agreement with several organisations and individuals to use the Clubhouse throughout the year. The trustees remain committed to encourage multiple use of the Clubhouse to generate income to support our charitable objective and ensuring the good maintenance of the building through regular use throughout the year.

The club committee has also spent time creating policies to cover various aspects of governance recommended as best practice by the Charity Commission. These will of course be regularly reviewed to keep them up to date and relevant. In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The events we organise are all focused on our

Commonwealth visitors, directly by providing opportunities for competition to aid performance, or indirectly by raising funds to provide that support.

Grants & Grant Policy

The charity has not previously made grants and has no current plans to do so.

Contributions made by Volunteers

The Club is run entirely by volunteers and would like to thank all those who give their time on behalf of the Club's activities as it is recognised that it could not function without their support. Whilst every contribution is important, it would be wrong not to recognise that of David Rose for his immense efforts (yet again) for promoting and organising the Prize Meeting which is now second only to the NRA Imperial meeting for participation.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of Main Achievements

The Club's Open Prize Meeting took place as normal with strong demand for places including overseas competitors from the Commonwealth. Using the NRA Imperial GGG 2025 ammunition gave all competitors, especially those from overseas the opportunity to shoot with the "meeting ammo". A total entry of 200 competitors enjoyed competing over the weekend.

The Club's annual Overseas Teams match (hosted by the Club to provide our overseas visitors with valuable match practice in preparation for the international matches during the Imperial meeting), was well attended with teams from Australia, USA, Kenya & Guyana competing.

Achievements against main objectives

Having achieved our objective of securing the tenure of the Clubhouse for a further 21 years by signing a new lease in December 2024 the Trustees are now focused on three further objectives. Firstly, to ensure multiple use of the Clubhouse to increase revenue to be reinvested in furthering our charitable objectives, secondly to develop the facilities offered in the Clubhouse to better meet the needs of our Commonwealth & overseas visitors, and thirdly to proactively increase membership of the Club amongst the UK Target Rifle community.

In 2025 we had 2 separate groups using the Clubhouse on a regular basis with a further organisation wishing to enter into a similar agreement in 2026. The Trustees are focusing on redeveloping both the storage and kitchen facilities to better meet the needs of our overseas visitors, members and third-party users.

We remain mindful that third-party usage should not impact the Club's own activities and are setting limitations accordingly within any usage agreement.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set

The Charity does not explicitly run fundraising activities. It does turn a modest excess of income over expenditure from the annual prize meeting, although overall entries were back to a normal level, the range space limited the entries and hence the surplus achieved.

Investment performance against objectives

The Club does not have substantial funds. The club funds are held in our bank account.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The Club delivered a surplus for the year, despite a modest increase in competitions costs. Income from third party use of the clubhouse continues to be a welcome and important income stream. As no significant building work was undertaken in the year the expenditure on this activity remained low.

The activities generate an appropriate level of surplus over expenditure that allow the Club to fulfil its charitable objectives and maintain an appropriate level of reserves.

Policy and Justification for holding reserves

Reserves need to be maintained to protect against reduced entries or surplus from the Open Prize Meeting as annual subscription income does not cover the full running costs of the Club. This revenue is not guaranteed and can be impacted by many external factors outside the Club's control (e.g. COVID-19 and rising costs and availability of ammunition due to the war in Ukraine).

Building maintenance and dilapidation costs are also unpredictable (as winter storms have proved previously), so adequate reserves need to be maintained to perform immediate emergency repairs as well as longer term reparations.

The Club house is leased on a 21-year full repairing basis which ends in late December 2045 and requires that the building is maintained and brought back to a similar state to the start of the lease. Our ongoing approach of managing revenue streams appropriately has ensured that the Club could meet those repair costs out of the reserves rather than having to put out an emergency call for donations or increase subscriptions significantly.

Over the next few years, the club intends to spend a significant amount on upgrading the facilities within the clubhouse, extending the kitchen and in return reducing the un-used armoury to make better use of the space. These works are intended to start as soon as possible to enable the maximum benefit for the club during the 21-year lease.

Reserves held

£42,118

Principal Sources of Funds

- The annual Open prize meeting is the primary source of income and contributed a surplus of £4,044 this year.
- Building hire to 3rd parties increased in 2025, generating £6,864.
- Annual membership subscription income of £1,675 was slightly lower than 2024.
- Donations tend to vary year on year, with 2025 (£336) significantly lower than 2024.
- Overall income was up by £4,457 compared to 2024, with a net surplus of £7,394.

Investment Policy and Objectives

The Club has a cautious attitude to investment both to protect and provide timely access to reserves.

Principal Risks facing the Charity

The main risk the club faced in recent years was retaining tenure of the clubhouse. Now a new lease has been signed this is no longer our principal risk.

The principal risk facing the club is the security of our main income stream and source of surplus – this being the ability to run our Annual Prize Meeting. This could be impacted by events restricting access to the ranges to compete, i.e. restrictions on range use because of external events such as experienced in the recent COVID pandemic. Availability of ammunition, which we experienced in 2022 as a direct result of the war in Ukraine, is also a risk to delivering our Annual Prize Meeting.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association and is governed by its rules which were amended in 2020 at the Annual General Meeting.

Trustee Selection Methods

The number of Club officials, committee and trustees, their respective roles and any conditions regarding election and tenure are set out in the Club constitution (which may only be changed at a General Meeting of the members).

Fundamentally, no-one has the right to appoint any of the charity trustees – all members of the committee are elected annually by the membership for limited terms and those elected become the charity trustees.

The Club rules regarding officials are as shown below:

Officials and Committee
Officials
18.
(a) The officials of the Club shall consist of a Patron, President, Vice-Presidents not exceeding 20 in number, a Captain, Vice-Captain, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer.
(b) The Committee shall have power to invite any person to accept office as Patron of the Club for such period as the Committee see fit.
(c) The President, Vice-Presidents, Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Independent Examiner shall retire at each Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.
(d) The Vice-Captain shall be appointed by the Captain, from amongst the members of the Committee.
(e) No official (other than the Patron, President and Vice-Presidents) shall be eligible for election or appointment to the same office for more than three successive years.

19.
Vice-Presidents shall, while holding that office, be exempted from payment of the annual subscription.

Committee
20.
The Committee shall consist of the Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and eight members of the Club elected at the Annual General Meeting. The officials and members of the Committee shall take office on the 1st January in the year after their election and retire on the ensuing 31st December.
None of the eight members of the Club elected to the Committee shall be eligible to be re-elected as an ordinary member of the Committee for more than three successive years.

Election of officials, Etc.
21.
(a) Nominations to the offices of Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and to the Committee shall be notified to the Honorary Secretary not later than noon of the third day before that appointed for the Annual General Meeting. Any member may propose himself for a specified office by notifying the Honorary Secretary that he is willing to serve if elected. As soon as possible after the closing of nominations, the

Honorary Secretary shall post a list of the names of the members proposed for the various offices and in any case where the number proposed exceeds the vacancies a ballot will be taken at the Annual General Meeting.
(b) Any member desiring to propose for election as President, Vice-President or Honorary Independent Examiner any person other than the retiring holder of each office respectively shall give notice as aforesaid to the Honorary Secretary.
Otherwise notice shall not be required for elections to the offices of President, Vice-President or Honorary Independent Examiner.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The Charity Commission's own trustee guidance is used as the starting point, with further reference to the guidance and best practice information available from organisations such as the NRA or NCVO.

Peer support is provided by the other trustees (of whom approximately half are also current or former trustees of other charities).

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works

The committee are the Trustees. The Club is affiliated to the National Rifle Association. The Club has links to rifle shooting governing bodies throughout the Commonwealth with vice presidents of the club appointed (by members vote at the AGM) from all relevant Commonwealth countries.

Relationships with related parties

The National Rifle Association is the Club's landlord.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	British Commonwealth Rifle Club
Registered charity number	216504
Charity's principal address	The British Commonwealth Rifle Club, Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Woking, Surrey GU24 0NY

Name 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	John Warburton	Captain		
2	Peter Bromley	Vice-Captain		
3	Stephen Penrose	Secretary		
4	Will Steward	Treasurer		
5	Simon Belither	Committee member		
6	James Watson	Committee member		
7	Sarah Bunch	Committee member		
8	Seth Dowley	Committee member		
9	Chloë Evans	Committee member		
10	Jemima Hince	Committee member		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
CM Brooks	
GMLN Gilpin	

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) Peter Brundrett Bromley

Position Club Captain/Chairman of Trustees

Date 26th September 2026

The British Commonwealth Rifle Club

Income & expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2025

Income	**2025**		**2024**	
Competitions – Income		56,025		53,724
Subscriptions Collected		1,675		1,695
Locker Rents		-		-
Interest received		461		537
Facilities and teas income		5,740		3,420
Other income		1,403		341
Donations				
- Building Maintenance Fund	336		1,467	
- Hospitality Fund	-		-	
- Total donations		336		1,467
Ammunition sale		-		-
Total income		**65,640**		**61,183**
Expenditure				
Competitions – expense		49,161		48,680
Catering		458		896
Rent, Services, Insurance, etc		7,657		6,357
Upkeep of Clubhouse and Garden		-		50
Affiliation Fees		557		531
Administration and Sundries		413		331
Total expenditure		**58,246**		**56,845**
Surplus / (deficit)		**7,394**		**4,338**
Distributed between				
Surplus / (deficit) in the General Reserve Fund		7,058		2,921
Transfer to / (from) the Building Maintenance Fund		336		1,417
Transfer to / (from) the Hospitality Fund		-		-
Transfer to / (from) the Milton Tucker Memorial Fund		-		-
Total transfers to club funds		**7,394**		**4,338**

Balance sheet

Assets	**31st December 2025**	**31st December 2024**
Cash at bank and in hand:		
- Charity Deposit Account	-	10,792
- Other bank accounts	37,501	17,687
- Cash in hand	650	100
- Total cash	**38,151**	**28,579**
Prepayments and Accrued income	2,500	1,250
Debtors	595	4,165
Stock	873	1,788
Total assets	**42,119**	**35,782**
Liabilities		
Accounts payable / creditors	-	(828)
Accruals	-	(230)
Net assets	**42,119**	**34,724**

Distributed between				
General Reserve Fund brought forward	30,530		27,609	
General Reserve Fund surplus/deficit for the year	7,058		2,921	
General Reserves transferred to Building Maintenance Fund				
General Reserve Fund		37,588		30,530
Building Maintenance Fund brought forward	3,498		2,082	
Building Maintenance Fund surplus/deficit for the year	336		1,417	
General Reserves transferred to Building Maintenance Fund				
Building Maintenance Fund		3,834		3,498
The Doug Cornish Prize Fund		100		100
Hospitality Fund		150		150
Milton Tucker Memorial Fund		124		124
Freddie Payne Memorial Fund		142		142
Life Members Fund		180		180
Total of club funds		**42,118**		**34,724**
		(0)		(0)

The British Commonwealth Rifle Club is registered with the Charity Commission as a charity under the Charities Act 2011, with registration number 216504.

Report of the Independent Examiner:

I have been presented with accounting records for the Charity and I am satisfied that these accounts have been prepared from them.

There are no matters arising therefrom which I wish to bring to the attention of the membership.

Paul AE Charlton MSc FCA(Retd), Hon.Independent Examiner, 22 June 2026