CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2025 To 31st December 2025

Charity name: Recreation Ground, Morchard Bishop

Charity registration number: 277053

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**To manage and maintain the land conveyed upon trust for recreational purposes for the residents of the parish of Morchard Bishop.**
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	**Managing and maintaining the land, buildings and sport/play facilities at the site. Fundraising to enable the ongoing availability of the site.**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance 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	**We do not make grants to other organisations.**
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	**The charity has no paid employees, hence the contribution of volunteers is essential to our charity.** **The committee of management is comprised wholly of volunteers, in addition further volunteers are needed to assist with our fund-raising activities.**
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	**We continue to ensure the viability of the charity, and the availability of the land for recreational purposes, with incremental improvements where funds allow.** **This year's capital improvements include purchase of new children's play equipment to augment our Play Area.** **We continued to run a '100 Club' to help with raising funds, and were gratified this was 100% supported by the community, and staged our regular fund-raising events including Car Boot Sales and a Vintage Rally & Family Fun Day.**

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	**The financial position is stable at the end of this period but needs further strengthening by building up designated reserves to support a future refurbishment project (if passed by committee).**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**The policy is to hold reserves in case major unplanned maintenance is required, or for future major capital projects such as building refurbishment/replacement (if passed by committee).**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£10,000 (unrestricted general reserves)**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**Not applicable.**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**Not applicable.**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**In the short term (1-5 years), we are confident the charity can continue, however increasing costs such as insurance, or the increasing need for maintenance on ageing buildings, means assurances cannot extend beyond the short term. Our principal sources of funds have been erratic (see below).**

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	**Fund-raising events - It is difficult to find volunteers to assist with fund-raising events, and without them we may need to scale back events. Climate change and unseasonal weather can also impact our events badly.** **Bar profit - The bar within the Clubhouse is run by the Morchard Bishop Sports & Social Club, who should donate their surplus to the charity every financial year. Although a generous donation from this source was received by the charity this financial year, this has not always been the case. The trustees are assessing options to remove this uncertainty.**
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	**Deterioration of buildings may require sudden and significant investment to be able to continue to offer facilities such as, for example, changing rooms.**

Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		**Conveyance document dated 13th August 1959**
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Conveyance deed**
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	**Other organisations have the right to nominate one trustee each (Parish Council, Morchard Bishop Football Club, Morchard Bishop Bowling Club, Women's Institute, Parochial Church Council, United Methodist Chapel, Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall, Morchard Bishop Sports & Social Club, Friends of Morchard Bishop School), plus up to 10 trustees chosen by election at Annual General Meeting.**

Additional information (optional)
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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	**The trustees are exploring the relevant Licensing to take on direct operation of the bar at the Clubhouse, to simplify the organisational structure and make the premises more easily accessible to all villagers.**
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	**The trustees regret the poor relationship due to lack of co-operation/communication with some members of subsidiary groups.**
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Recreation Ground, Morchard Bishop
Other name the charity uses	Morchard Bishop Playing Field Association
Registered charity number	277053
Charity's principal address	The Clubhouse & Playing Field Wood Lane Morchard Bishop Crediton EX17 6PE

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	Robert (Bob) Ian Robinson	Chair		
2	Deborah Ticehurst	Secretary		
3	Toni Jackson	Treasurer		
4	Terry Nott			Methodist Chapel
5	Nadine Drew			
6	Steve Watson			
7	David Gillbard			MB Parish Council
8	Kate Bray			Parochial Church Council & Women's Institute
9	Lindsey Starrs			MB Bowling Club
10	Dawn Parkhouse			MB Football Club
11	Hilary Jones			MB Memorial Hall
12	Anton Heal			
13	Ezra Moore			
14	Kevin Cozens		From 15 Sept 2025	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None applicable		

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	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

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

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Debbie Ticehurst	T. Jackson
Full name(s)	Deborah Ticehurst	Toni Jackson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	10/08/2026	

MORCHARD BISHOP PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 277053

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

MORCHARD BISHOP PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME	£	£
Donation from Sports & Social Club profit	12,000.00	7,000.00
Donations and legacies	206.00	2,941.00
Fundraising Events	7,847.56	6,721.80
Bank Interest Received	1,233.89	2,134.37
Hire	300.00	174.00
Sales, refunds and credits	389.76	189.67
Grants	2,500.00	-
100 Club	2,784.00	2,478.00
	27,261.21	21,638.84
EXPENDITURE		
Rates	-	11.00
Insurance	1,806.91	1,619.17
Repairs and Renewals	11,106.89	4,528.77
Events	1,900.41	1,698.47
Accountancy	-	50.00
Play Area	370.09	1,206.34
Sundry Expenses	206.57	209.87
Depreciation (Note 1)	16,611.35	4,512.11
Utilities	922.52	1,212.52
100 Club	1,200.00	1,196.00
	34,124.74	16,244.25
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)	- (6863.53)	5,394.59

MORCHARD BISHOP PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

		2025		2024
		£		£
FIXED ASSETS (Note 1)		212,053.40		163,731.55
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Current Account Playing Field	2,354.98		3,886.73	
Bank Reserve Account	13,223.63		25,429.43	
Bank 35-day Notice Account	20,191.38		61,684.89	
Petty Cash	467.10		421.42	
	36,237.09		91,422.47	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors	-		-	
		36,237.09		91,422.47
		248,290.49		255,154.02
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Accumulated Fund				
Balance brought forward		255,154.02		249,759.43
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year		- 6,863.53		5,394.59
Rounding		-		-
		248,290.49		255,154.02

MORCHARD BISHOP PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Note 1 FIXED ASSETS

	LAND AND BUILDINGS	EQUIPMENT	ISEKI / MAJOR / STRIMMER	TRAILER	PICNIC TABLE	50% CCTV	PLAY EQUIPMENT	TOTAL	
COST	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Balance B/F	144,238.00	20,189.60	3,971.00	175.00	2,201.00	523.00	21,888.00	193,185.60	
							64,933.20		Titan carousel, basket swing, toddler play
Net additions in yr								64,933.20	
Net Sales in year									
Balance C/F	144,238.00	20,189.60	3,971.00	175.00	2,201.00	523.00	86,821.20	258,118.80	
DEPRECIATION	(0%)	(20%)	(20%)	(10%)	(5%)	(20%)	(20%)		
Balance B/F	-	15,309.63	2,638.52	72.13	442.93	309.24	10,681.60	29,454.05	
Charge for year	-	975.99	266.50	10.29	87.90	42.75	15,227.92	16,611.35	
Balance C/F	-	16,285.62	2,905.02	82.42	530.83	351.99	25,909.52	46,065.40	
NET BOOK VALUE									
Balance C/F	144,238.00	3,903.98	1,065.98	92.58	1,670.17	171.01	60,911.68	212,053.40	

Note 2 RING FENCED ACCOUNTS

PLAY AREA		**£**
Balance brought forward:		65,810.28
Interest earned on Tilney-Ellis Trust donation		2,502.81
New equipment and safety surfacing	-	64,933.20
Annual Inspection cost	-	146.40
Plants to cover earth banks	-	162.74
Sale of redundant rope bridge		50.00
PLAY AREA BALANCE		3,120.75

100 CLUB RING-FENCE		
Balance brought forward:		691.00
50% of sales (memberships) stay in ring-fence for prize fund		1,392.00
Prizes awarded	-	1,200.00
100 CLUB BALANCE		883.00

MORCHARD BISHOP PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

FINANCIAL CHECK – REPORT

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