Charity Registration No. 279991

ALCONBURY RECREATION FIELD

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives:

The aims of the Charity are the provision, maintenance and enhancement of recreational facilities for the benefit of the local community in Alconbury, Alconbury Weston and the surrounding villages.

Forward:

Over the last year, the Trustees have collectively developed a five-year Business Plan to provide a more structured approach to the future development of the Charity. The plan establishes a clearer strategic direction and a set of operational priorities designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of ARFC and enable us to continue fulfilling our charitable objectives through a clearly defined purpose, vision and mission.

In last year's report, we acknowledged Laurence Rickard's retirement from his full-time role supporting both the Club and the Charity and his continuation on a part-time basis. Laurence has now retired completely and, on behalf of the Trustees, I would like to place on record our sincere thanks for his twenty-eight years of dedicated service to the Charity. His commitment, knowledge and support over many years have been invaluable and greatly appreciated.

I am also pleased to welcome two new Trustees, Chris Kirschner and Damion Lewis, to the Board. Their appointment has strengthened the Trustee team and brought additional skills and experience. We continue to seek opportunities to broaden the Board further to ensure we have the capacity and expertise required to deliver the ambitions set out within our Business Plan.

Whilst the financial results for 2025 are less favourable than those reported in 2024, due largely to depreciation and the utilisation of grant funding on facility improvements, the Trustees have remained focused on investing in and improving the facilities whilst carefully managing the Charity's finances. This has only been possible through the continued commitment of Trustees, volunteers and supporters who generously give their time, alongside successful grant applications, donations and other forms of support. As a result, our facilities continue to be something the local community, users, sports teams and visitors can be proud of.

Achievements and Performances:

Throughout the year, ARFC's facilities continued to support a wide range of recreational, sporting and social activities for people of all ages from Alconbury, Alconbury Weston and the surrounding communities. Participation across the facilities remained strong, with our target of 600 regular recreational users comfortably exceeded.

The outdoor sports facilities continue to be well utilised, with regular use of the football pitches and cricket square by local clubs and organisations. Indoor activities also remain popular, with the Pool, Darts and Bowls facilities continuing to attract regular users. Bingo continues to be extremely well attended and remains an important social activity within the local community.

The Thursday Club continues to thrive and provides a valuable social meeting place for many of our older residents. The Function Room also remains a popular venue for weddings, parties and private functions, generating valuable income that supports the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the Charity's facilities.

One of the highlights of the year was the continued success of the annual Fireworks Event, which once again sold out. The event remains an important fixture in the local community calendar and would not be possible

without the dedication of our volunteers. I would like to extend particular thanks to Laurence and Bruce for their efforts in organising the event, together with the many volunteers who supported its delivery on the evening.

Collectively, these activities continue to demonstrate the important role that the Charity plays in providing opportunities for recreation, social interaction and community engagement, in line with its charitable purpose.

Developments:

One of the Trustees' principal objectives is to ensure the Charity continuously maintains, upgrades and enhances its facilities. Achieving this relies upon careful use of the Charity's limited income, supported by grant funding, donations and the considerable contribution made by volunteers and supporters through the donation of their time and expertise.

To support this objective, the Trustees now maintain a rolling programme of short and longer-term improvement initiatives to help prioritise investment and funding opportunities.
Improvements completed during the year include:

• Upgrade of the MUGA lighting to energy-efficient LED units, supported by grants from the Football Foundation and the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Community Fund.
• Complete refurbishment of the Ladies Lounge toilet facilities, supported through funding from the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Community Fund and Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
• A grant was received from the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation for a new cricket sight screen (installed in 2026)
• Additional pitch maintenance works were funded by the Charity, to address the effects of the exceptionally dry summer and improve playing surfaces.
• Replacement of the front retaining wall with a grassed embankment.
• Installation of new paving and handrails on the walkway leading to the clubhouse entrance.
• Replacement of the Function Room doors facing the recreation field, supported by a grant from Huntingdonshire District Council.
• Purchase of a second set of mowers at auction to provide resilience and backup for the maintenance of the grounds.

Maintaining and enhancing our facilities remains both a priority and an ongoing challenge due to the cost of improvements compared with the resources available to the Charity. I would therefore like to extend my thanks to Laurence, my fellow Trustees, volunteers and supporters for their continued efforts in securing funding and delivering improvements throughout the year.

We also remain extremely grateful to the organisations that have supported the Charity through grant funding and other assistance, including the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Community Fund, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, Alconbury Parish Council, the Football Foundation, Huntingdonshire District Council and many other generous supporters.

Financial Review:

The Treasurer and our Accountant, Andy Springthorpe of AJS Accountants Ltd, have prepared the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The 2025 Accounts show a net deficit of £16,464 (including depreciation of £9,500 and expenditure of previously awarded grant funding totalling £17,100), compared with a net deficit of £1,786 (including depreciation of £10,813) in 2024.

Whilst the reported deficit is higher than the previous year, much of this reflects investment in facility improvements funded through grants and the continued depreciation of Charity assets. The Trustees remain focused on strengthening the Charity's long-term financial sustainability and have commenced work on improved financial planning, budgeting and reserve management as part of the Charity's new five-year Business Plan.

The Trustees have assessed the principal risks facing the Charity and are satisfied that appropriate systems and controls are in place to mitigate those risks wherever reasonably possible.

Structure, governance, and management:

The Alconbury Recreation Field Charity's governing document is a lease dated 3 April 1980, as amended on 21 August 1984.

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The Charity currently has six volunteer Trustees. The Trustees serving during the year and up to the date of the financial statements were:

Elizabeth Adams
Paul Watson
Christian Bodley
Bruce Staines
Chris Kirschner
Damion Lewis

The Charity is managed by the Board of Trustees with support from the Professional Secretary to the Trustees, Laurence Rickard. Responsibility may also be delegated to volunteers to organise fundraising events and other activities for the benefit of the Charity.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Christian Bodley
Chair of Trustees.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ALCONBURY RECREATION FIELD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Alconbury Recreation Field (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Andrew Springthorpe FCCA
For and behalf of AJS Accountants Ltd

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Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	4,013	17,103	21,116	3,651	6,500	10,151
Other trading activities	**4**	6,374	-	6,374	6,292	-	6,292
Investment Income	**5**	43,269	-	43,269	41,513	-	41,513
Other income	**6**	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income		53,656	17,103	70,759	51,456	6,500	57,956
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	**7**	77,754	9,469	87,223	48,929	10,813	59,742
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		(24,098)	7,634	(16,464)	2,527	(4,313)	(1,786)
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		(101,465)	308,908	207,443	(103,992)	313,221	209,229
Inter-Company adjustments		-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		(125,563)	316,542	190,979	(101,465)	308,908	207,443

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		175,129		184,598
Current assets					
Debtors	**12**	6,226		8,939	
Cash at bank and in hand		7,723		14,621	
		13,949		23,560	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13**	(730)		(715)	
Net current assets			13,219		22,845
Total assets less current liabilities			190,979		207,443
Deferred income	**14**		-		-
Net assets			190,979		207,443
Income funds					
Restricted funds			316,542		308,908
Unrestricted funds			(125,563)		(101,465)
			190,979		207,443

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

Christian Bodley
Chair of Trustees.

Paul Watson.
Trustee.

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Alconbury Recreation Field is a unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales, number 279991.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Pavilion extensions and improvements	2.5% straight line
Plant and equipment	15% straight line

Freehold land and assets in the course of construction are not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 ‘Basic Financial Instruments’ and Section 12 ‘Other Financial Instruments Issues’ of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	**2025**	**2025**	2024	2024	2024
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	4,013	-	4,013	3,651	-	3,651
Grants receivable	-	17,103	17,103	-	6,500	6,500
	4,013	17,103	21,116	3,651	6,500	10,151

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	6,374	6,292

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted Funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Rental income	43,269	41,513

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Other income	-	-

7 Charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	12,280	14,763
Depreciation and impairment	9,469	10,813
Event costs	1,791	1,246
Rent, rates and water	2,071	1,132
Light and heat	14,428	9,137
Telephone	555	962
Postage and stationery	170	182
Repairs and renewals	36,714	7,990
Security	1,900	1,546
Cleaning and laundry	1,717	1,437
Vehicle running costs	634	589
Insurance	4,106	3,679
Legal	375	-
Accountancy	570	570
Sundry expenses	443	25
	87,223	59,742
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	77,754	48,929
Restricted funds	9,469	10,813
	87,223	59,742

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	5	5

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	12,280	14,763

10 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s524 of the Income Tax Act 2007 and s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land	Pavilion extensions and improvements	Plant and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2025	54,606	490,447	53,178	598,231
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	54,606	490,447	53,178	598,231
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2025	-	360,582	53,051	413,633
Depreciation charged in the year	-	9,348	121	9,469
At 31 December 2025	-	369,930	53,172	423,102
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2025	54,606	120,517	6	175,129
At 31 December 2024	54,606	129,865	127	184,598

12 Debtors

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	4,646	3,726
Alconbury Sports and Social Club	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,580	5,213
	6,226	8,939

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	730	715
	730	715

14 Deferred income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other deferred income	-	-

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year or the prior year.