Welford Sportsfield Association

Charity Registration Number: 295158

Trustees Annual Report

For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

1. Legal and Administrative Information

    a. Constitution

    The Welford Sportsfield Association is established under a constitution dated 28 October 1985, subsequently amended in February 2002, for the purposes of promoting the benefit of the inhabitants of Welford and the neighbourhood by providing facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants and in particular by creating, improving and extending existing playing and recreational facilities and by encouraging all forms of recreational activity.

    The association was granted registration as a charity under the provisions of the Charities Act 1960 on 9 September 1986.

    b. The Officers of the Management Committee, who are the Trustees, who served during the year were as follows:

Chairperson:	Adrian Scullion / James Bland (resigned September 2025)
Vice Chairperson:	Julia Bennett / Adrian Scullion (assumed Chair September 2025}
Secretary:	Adrian Bott
Treasurer:	Julian Howell-Jones

    c. The address of the principal office is:

    Welford Sports Field Association
    Newlands Roads
    Welford
    Northampton
    NN6 6HR

    d. Public benefit

    The charity provides public benefit by providing facilities and access to organised sport for all age groups.

    The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
    Financial review

e. Financial review

The statement of financial activities shows income of £46,526 (2024: £31,131) and expenses of £26,172 (2024: £30,601) resulting in net incoming resources of £20,354 (2024: net incoming resources of £530).

The charity has a strong balance sheet, with net current assets of £14,409 (2024: £32,763) and total funds of £163,347 (2024: £142,993).

At 31 December 2025 the charity had £136,880 of unrestricted funds and £26,467 of designated funds. The designated funds relate to a grant from the Football Foundation towards the purchase of a tractor. This grant covered 75% of the cost of the tractor and is being released in ten equal annual instalments to offset against the annual depreciation charge.

The building contingency fund (within unrestricted funds) of £8,000 is composed of appropriations by the Management Committee to cover unforeseen building repairs.

f. Structure, governance and management

The Association is managed by a committee, composed of the Management Committee, set out above, and representatives of the club using the facility and the other elected members. Committee meetings are held monthly.

The Association does not employ staff.

2. Review of the Year

At the start of the year it was looking good for another quiet year ahead for me with James at the helm and my role becoming increasingly distant. Lovely!

What followed was the worst of all possibilities. James was forced to resign with little notice due to a big change to his work circumstances, and I reluctantly had to step back up as Chairman. At a time when I needed all the help I could get, I then lost the main workhorse on the committee, the age of our facility started to cause problems and worst of all the relationship with the football club deteriorated to a level which created many unnecessary problems.

There were, however, a number of positives. Having secured a grant from the FA, we took delivery of a new tractor with multiple attachments which will help us to maintain and improve our pitches. We also received an extremely generous grant from the Parish Council which has enabled us to replace our water pumps and in the coming months will go a long way to paying for the complete overhaul of our hot water system. We are also hopeful that in the coming weeks we will receive a donation from Mick George to help with the resurfacing of our car park.

I am also hugely grateful for the support provided by a number of committee members. Russell Sharp stepped up to lead the Field sub-committee and has been ably assisted by Matt. Julia Bennett stepped into the Vice Chair role and has been a great help to me through some dark times. Julian, Adrian and Mandy have continued to be hugely helpful and if, as expected, they step down at this AGM, they will leave a huge vacuum.

The deteriorating relationship with the football club has caused me many sleepless nights. We are not working well together and this will need to be fixed quickly to enable the Sportsfield to prosper. I am hugely disappointed in myself for not being able to resolve this but it is not through lack of trying.

I believe next year will be critical for WSFA with a big changing of the guard. I really hope that the next generation will look after this wonderful facility as well as we have and maintain it as something for this community that we can be very proud of.

Adrian Scullion, Chairperson

Approved by the Management Committee on 2 March 2026

Welford Sportsfield Association
Year Ended 31 December 2025
Statement of Financial Activities

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Designated Funds £	2025 Contingency Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources					
Grants	0	29,408	0	29,408	16,139
Donations and Sundry Sales	9,421	0	0	9,421	6,460
Profits from Fundraising Events	7,324	0	0	7,324	7,619
Bank Interest	373	0	0	373	913
Total Incoming Resources	17,118	29,408	0	46,526	31,131
Expenditure					
Ground Expenses	2,262	0	0	2,262	2,567
Repairs and Renewals	9,461	0	0	9,461	18,248
Light & Heat	1,942	0	0	1,942	1,312
Internet	324	0	0	324	396
Water Rates	224	0	0	224	192
Licence Fees	374	0	0	374	370
Business Rates	324	0	0	324	181
Insurance	2,156	0	0	2,156	1,156
Cleaning	1,539	0	0	1,539	1,809
Depreciation	2,980	2,941	0	5,921	1,620
Waste Collection	915	0	0	915	764
Sundry Expenses	730	0	0	730	1,986
Total Expenditure	23,231	2,941	0	26,172	30,601
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	(6,113)	26,467	0	20,354	530
Accumulated Fund					
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Balance Sheet at 31 December

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Tangible Fixed Assets				
Land & buildings				
At cost	200,244		200,244	
Less: Grants received	(104,596)		(104,596)	
		95,648		95,648
Equipment				
Cost brought forward	49,330		49,004	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(40,669)		(34,748)	
Add: Cost of additions	44,629		326	
		53,290		14,582
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