CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: HAMSTREET + DISTRICT SPORTS + LEISURE ASSOC.

On accounts for the year ended 31/08/25

Charity no (if any) 296298

Set out on pages 1 – 3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Mcreed **Date:** 27.9.26

Name: MICHELLE CREED

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body –

(if any):	
Address:	

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

HAMSTREET & DISTRICT
SPORTS & LEISURE ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

Hamstreet and District Sports and Leisure Association

Income and Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31st August 2025

	2025	2025	2024	2024
Income				
Bank Interest Received		370		448
MUGA, Pitch & Pavilion Fees		19,767		18,532
Pavilion Bar		55,989		45,059
Community Day		1,500		1,792
Fireworks		-		3,900
Grant Income		-		39,641
OPC Contribution		500		500
Bingo Night		230		-
Psychic Night		395		510
Burger Night		700		-
Sundry Receipts		-		218
		79,451		110,600
Expenses				
Pavilion Bar	29,514		28,402	
Community Day	814		609	
Fireworks Expenses	-		4,764	
Pavilion and Ground Expenses	21,551		32,894	
Cleaning	1,414		1,035	
Insurance	1,693		1,659	
MUGA Expenses	348		-	
Printing and Stationery	416		259	
Pound Leas Project	1,218		-	
Bank Charges	732		1,041	
Depreciation	4,715		-	
Sundry Expenses	113		124	
		62,528		70,787
Excess of income over expenditure		16,923		39,813

Hamstreet and District Sports and Leisure Association

Balance Sheet

As at 31st August 2025

	2025	2024
Assets		
Fixed Assets	43,127	45,093
Stock	2,500	2,500
Debtors and Prepayments	6,540	4,822
Cash at Bank - Current	10,085	8,982
Cash at Bank - Reserve	473	468
Cash at Bank - MUGA	44,296	33,930
Cash at Bank - Fireworks	16,231	16,231
Cash	2,100	2,100
	125,352	114,126
Current Liabilities		
Creditors and Accruals	5,182	10,879
Net Assets	120,170	103,247
Represented By:		
Retained excess brought forward	103,247	63,434
Excess for the Year	16,923	39,813
	120,170	103,247



Trustees' Annual Report
for the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 4 2 4 to (end date) 3 1 0 8 2 5

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: HAMSTREET + DISTRICT SPORTS + LEISURE ASSOCIATN

Other names the charity is known by: HDSLA

Registered charity number (if any): 2 9 6 2 9 8

Charity's principal address:
BELMONT
WAREHORNE ROAD
HAMSTREET, NEAR ASHFORD
KENT Postcode T N 2 6 2 J L

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	A MILWARD			
2	G WOODCOCK			
3	M WELLSTED-BOORMAN			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Section A — Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

Section B — Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg trust deed, constitution): CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 11/11/65 + AMENDMENTS

How the charity is constituted (eg trust, association, company): ASSOCIATION

Trustee selection methods (eg appointed by, elected by): ELECTED ANNUALLY AT AGM

Additional governance issues (optional information

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C — Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

TO PROMOTE THE BENEFITS AND FACILITATE ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN SPORTS + LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR THE INHABITANTS OF HAMSTREET AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

IN PLANNING OUR ACTIVITIES WE KEPT IN MIND THE CHARITY COMMISSION'S GUIDANCE ON PUBLIC BENEFIT AT OUR TRUSTEE MEETINGS. THE MAIN ACTIVITY IS MANAGING / MAINTAINING FACILITIES ON POUND LEAS SPORTS FIELD, HAMSTREET

Additional details of objectives and activities (optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE HOURS VOLUNTEERS HAVE SPENT ORGANISING EVENTS, MAINTAINING OUR FIELD AND FACILITIES AND APPLYING FOR FUNDING ON OUR BEHALF. WITHOUT THIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF TIME, ENERGY AND EXPERTISE WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE SO MUCH.

Section D — Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

SEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ATTACHED

Section E — Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

CASH AT BANK AT 31/08/25 IS £71K, ALTHOUGH £22K IS RESTRICTED FUNDS (£16K FOR COMMUNITY SPORTS AND LEISURE GRANTS, £5K FOR PITCH MAINTENANCE WORK AND £1K FOR A DEDICATED WALKING/RUNNING TRACK ROUND THE FIELD. *K

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NOT APPLICABLE

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

*K WE ALSO HOLD £2.1K IN CASH TO COVER BAR AND EVENT FLOATS.

Section F — Other optional information

Section G — Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s) JEMMA THOMPSON

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) CHAIR

Date 26/06/26

Chairman's Report – HDSLA Meeting, 11th November, 8 pm

The past year has been another productive and positive one for HDSLA. Our facilities continue to be well used, and the commitment of our volunteers and community partners remains vital in providing a space for sport, leisure and social gatherings across all age groups.

Father Christmas Tour
Last year's Father Christmas Tour raised £859.97 for Young Lives Vs Cancer, supporting Lauren Russell's fundraising efforts.

Thank you to everyone who supported, donated, and took part — and a special thank you to Alan King, our wonderful Father Christmas, and all of the volunteers who make this tradition such a special event for the village.

This year's tour will take place on Sunday 21st December, with proceeds going towards the Pound Leas Project, specifically the children's play equipment element of the development.

Football Pitches and MUGA
Demand for our pitches continues to grow. Alongside hosting our existing home sides HFC and HYFC, we now have:

- A new HFC Reserve Men's Team

- Two new HYFC girls 'teams playing regularly

The Football Foundation grant we received has allowed us to maintain and improve the pitches, and an equipment grant has enabled us to purchase new maintenance kit. We have also begun installing five new storage containers to better manage equipment and improve operational efficiency.

Huge thanks go to Mark Taylor and the grounds team for their tireless efforts in keeping the pitches in good condition throughout the year.

The MUGA also remains busy. The temporary netball line markings are working effectively for now, and formal netball markings remain included in the plan for replacement when the MUGA reaches its renewal stage.

Finances and Events
Our finances remain in a secure position. The Summer Community Day was once again a success, raising over £2,000.

With greater focus now placed on supporting the Pound Leas Project, a series of additional community events — including the BBQ evening, fun run, quiz night, race night, comedy evening, and music bingo — have all contributed toward the significant fundraising target we are now working towards. Thank you to Tam, Ellen and Mags and to everyone who has supported, organised, volunteered or attended.

Lounge and Bar
The lounge and bar continue to see strong bookings and regular community use.

A sincere thank you to Mags and Claire, and to all the bar volunteers, for their continued hard work. The organisation, planning, and behind-the-scenes commitment from the bar team allows us to run a friendly and accessible community space that many people benefit from and enjoy.

Fireworks Event
The Fireworks Sub-Committee made the decision not to run the fireworks event for the foreseeable future. Increasing costs, policy requirements and risk obligations meant the event was no longer viable to deliver safely and responsibly with volunteer capacity.

We would like to give special thanks to Graham and Mags and Andy, and to everyone who has volunteered over the years to make the event possible. We hope to hold an open evening in the coming months to thank all past volunteers — details will follow.

Collaboration with OPC
We have continued to work closely and positively with the OPC this year, particularly in relation to the Pound Leas site. The leases for both the existing and new fields are currently being updated by OPC and are expected to be reviewed by the end of the year. We remain aligned in working together, and the Pound Leas Project is now confirmed as a joint initiative.

The Pound Leas Project
This year marked the formal launch of the Pound Leas Project.

We began with a packed open meeting on 6th February, where the community shared a wide range of ideas for the new field — from 3G pitches and play areas to natural ponds and zip wires. An Action Group was formed, bringing new volunteers into the conversation, and has been meeting regularly since.

We have now:

- Finalised the initial design ideas

- Worked with designers on concept plans

- Engaged directly with MP Katie Lam, Ashford Borough Council, and most importantly, the local community

A leaflet was delivered to every household outlining the proposals and asking for feedback specifically on a potential 3G pitch. We received over 350 responses, with 86% in favour of further exploring the 3G pitch option.

We have now met with the Football Foundation, who are supportive of the direction, and we are preparing the first stages of the grant application process.

There are still legal, operational, and planning points to clarify with OPC, and they are currently seeking legal advice to ensure the process is clear and appropriately structured.

This year, we also produced a short film showcasing Hamstreet's sporting history and our future vision, created with thanks to Sean Ford and all contributors. Watch here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAmDcVtWrds

This project will take time and effort — but, to echo Mags's words: "We haven't failed at many things when we put our minds to it."

Thanks

My note above includes many 'thank yous' and this goes to show how a facility of our size and the impact we have on our community cannot happen by any one person alone, but by a great group of people. People who share the same goals and together 'have a good crack'. So finally, thank you to every committee member, volunteer, bar helper, grounds worker, coach, and community supporter. Your commitment is what keeps this place thriving.

Lets see what 2026 brings us! Hopefully a massive donation of £3m!