BRAZIER TRUST

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2026

REGISTERED AS 'LAND AT THE CAUSEWAY'
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 302336

Brazier Trust

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st March 2026

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Brazier Trust (Registered as 'Land at the Causeway')
Charity Number	302336
Charity Address	The Old Monastery, Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 2ND

The Trustee serving during the year and since the year end was as follows:

Bishop's Stortford Town Council

Structure, Governance and Management

Brazier Trust is governed by Conveyance and Deed of Exchange.

The Trustee administers the charity and meets quarterly.

Objects and Activities

The gift of a piece of land to the Urban District Council in 1928 by Joe Brazier forms what is now the Link Road Car Park (leased to East Herts Council) and part of the Town Meads in Bishop's Stortford. The gift created a charitable trust, which is administered by the Town Council. The object of the trust is to apply the income of the Charity in the maintenance and upkeep of the property of the Charity and apply any excess as seen fit for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Bishop's Stortford.

The Trustee has had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

This is detailed in the attached report by the Chief Executive Officer of Bishop's Stortford Town Council, the sole Corporate Trustee.

Financial Review

Brazier Trust takes a flexible approach to reserves and does not assign a set amount that must always be held in general reserve. Funds held in an earmarked reserve will only be used for the purpose of the earmarked reserve. Reserves are held in an instant access savings account in order to fund its day to day operation, with the balance held in a 90 day notice account achieving a higher rate of interest to maximise interest received. No funds are in deficit and amounts can be found under Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Brazier Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust (Charity No. 302336) for the year ending 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

Respective responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts present with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Dated 19/05/2026

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Receipts and Payments
For the Year Ending 31st March 2026

	Restricted Fund	Unrestricted Fund	2026 Total Funds	2025 Total Funds
Receipts				
Rent Received		51,916	51,916	50,306
Interest Received		1,833	1,833	2,010
Donation	12,751		12,751	12,356
VAT Receipts		10,383	10,383	10,061
Total Receipts	12,751	64,132	76,883	74,733
Payments				
Allocated Staff Costs		16,567	16,567	15,938
Maintenance of Grounds		4,239	4,239	4,175
Play Area Maintenance				
Tree Works		7,043	7,043	860
Professional Fees		150	150	70
Grants	12,751	35,267	48,018	27,007
Capital Projects				
VAT Payments		10,303	10,303	9,958
Total Payments	12,751	73,569	86,320	58,008
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(9,437)	(9,437)	16,725
Cash Funds from Last Year End		50,430	50,430	33,705
Cash Funds this Year End		**40,993**	**40,993**	**50,430**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
For the Year Ending 31st March 2026

	Restricted Fund	Unrestricted Fund	2026 Total Funds	2025 Total Funds
Cash Funds				
Lloyds Bank		16,637	16,637	27,302
Saffron Building Society		24,356	24,356	23,128
		40,993	**40,993**	**50,430**
Other Monetary Assets				
Monies Due to Charity at 31/03				
Liabilities				
Monies Owed by Charity at 31/03		11,034	11,034	11,856
Investment Assets				
None				

Approved for and on Behalf of Brazier Trust on behalf of the Trustee

Signed ..... Dated 1.10.26

Print Name MARTIN ADAMS

Signed ..... Dated 09/10/2026

Print Name JOHN WYLLIE

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REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2025-2026

The gift of a piece of land to the Urban District Council in 1928 by Joe Brazier forms what is now the Link Road car park and part of the Town Meads. The gift created a Charitable Trust, which is administered by the Town Council.

The object of the Trust is to maintain the open space for the benefit of the public; any surplus income is distributed for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Bishop's Stortford. Neither the expenditure nor income of the Trust forms part of the Town Council's overall finances.

The Trust benefits from the rent derived from the lease of the Link Road Car Park to the District Council.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

The Trust awards grants to voluntary and charitable organisations and budgeted £30,249 for this in 2024-2025. In addition, it received a donation of £12,751 from the Town Council to top up the 'grants budget' for a total of £43,000.

This donation from the Town Council substitutes for a grant allocation of the same size which, in former years, was distributed directly by the Town Council and the effect is to bring together the two allocations into a single fund which can therefore award larger grants and deal with applications more effectively.

The grants policy and an application form are available from the Council website: www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/grants.

A number of applications were received during the year and a total of £53,017.80 were approved. In addition a previous year's grant for Caudwell Youth of £5,000 was returned.

GRANT APPLICATIONS 2025-2026		
Applicant	**Date Of Meeting**	**Grant Approved £**
Bishop's Stortford Breathe Easy Group	16/06/2025	591.80
Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre	16/06/2025	5000
Bishop's Stortford Ukelele Society	16/06/2006	500
East Herts Community Safety Partnership	16/06/2025	1552
Stort Pride	16/06/2025	4997
TUBS	16/06/2025	1608
Bishop's Stortford Youth Project	06/10/2025	5000
Herts Boats Service	06/10/2025	3900
Impactful Lives	06/10/2025	5000
Holy Trinity Night Shelter	06/10/2025	5000
Blues Preschool and Nursery	06/10/2025	5000
Bishop's Stortford & Sawbridgeworth Street Pastors	02/02/2026	4869
Girlguiding Bishop's Stortford District	02/02/2026	5000
Stortford Music Festival	02/02/2026	5000



Huw Jones
Chief Executive Officer