Kidlington Recreational Trust

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of Kidlington Recreational Trust for the year ended 5th April 2026 which are attached.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to state that on the basis of procedures specified in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented 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 I do not express and audit opinion on the view given by the accounts and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connections with my examination, there were no matters that came to my attention:

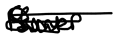
(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the act: and

- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the act

  have not been met.

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Skinner FCCA
16th September 2026

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Financial Statements

Year Ended 5th April 2026

Kidlington Recreational Trust
Profit and Loss Account
Year Ended 5th April 2026

	2026		2025	
Income				
Recreational Trust income	34272.94		25072.14	
Parkhill income	9084.00		8986.50	
Gross Profit/(Loss)	43356.94		34058.64	
Other Income				
Interest received	854.79		1023.28	
Total Income		44211.73		35081.92
Expenditure				
Rates	1459.58		533.05	
Water	940.38		854.84	
Insurance	7639.84		8249.99	
Building maintenance	1060.49		83.99	
Field maintenance	5340.01		1386.00	
Grants	8000.00		2050.00	
Printing, post and stationery	13.60		16.20	
Miscellaneous	0.00		691.00	
Clerical	4800.00		4800.00	
Legal fees	7211.40		0.00	
Accountancy	180.00		150.00	
Grounds Maintenance Plan	11717.30		13514.70	
Hire costs	500.00		500.00	
Total Expenditure		48862.60		32829.77
Net Profit/(Loss)		-4650.87		2252.15

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Balance Sheet

Y/e 5th April 2026

Current Assets	**2026**	**2025**
Current Account	10311.26	10855.92
Tracker Account	65262.88	69369.09
	75574.14	80225.01
Equity		
B/Fwd	80225.01	77972.86
Profit/Loss for the year	-4650.87	2252.15
	75574.14	80225.01

Current Chairman's report

As the Trust enters into its 55th year of service I look back on a year in the wilderness as far as our landlord was concerned and an opportunity missed at Stratfield Brake.

Last May and June witnessed the Trusts annual visits to each of its Recreation grounds in order for Trustees to view and understand the nature of each property and quality of repair of the existing buildings. The Trust has welcomed the news that Oxford United will be relocating to Kidlington, and I am certain our three Football Clubs will benefit from their arrival. In June Cherwell District Council announced they would no longer manage Stratfield Brake from March 2026. Trustees agreed that an offer from the Trust would present an opportunity for the Council who had previously displayed a lack of interest in managing this facility. Our proposal was sent to both Kidlington and Gosford in order to seek approval from and make a request to gain financial Du Diligence. Gosford accepted Kidlington did not, surprisingly Kidlington included the Trusts (16 page Proposal) and published this in their March offering which is to return the facility management to how it was previously run prior to Cherwell being involved. As Chairman I welcome this, in that our residents can now lobby their councillors in order to attain the level of maintenance and care to both the playing pitches and the building. New to the existing Clubs will be that they now have free use of their pitches but they have to maintain them. I am unsure about the use of the building and as to if the clubs will be able to gain an income from its use. If this is not

the case then I'm afraid they could well be faced with hard times in future.

The entire year has been spent trying to resolve the problems with the Trusts Head Lease with our Solicitors RWK Goodman. Realising that the previous Clerk had incorrectly requested changes to the wrong Lease, we were forced into a scenario where local solicitors Beechwoods had been instructed to by the Councils solicitors to act for the Trust due to a conflict of Interest. Once it was realised that these instructions were incorrectly allocated the Trust were forced to withdraw from Beechwoods and formed a relationship with RWK Goodman. In addition, KFC have been driving the Commercial Rental of the Yarnton Road Kitchen to Tiffins a long running project that required special terms and conditions as well as an SLA between the parties. As a result of this it was agreed that in July 2025 Phil Parker the Trust Chairman would stand down, due to being a KFC member as he would have a conflict and Nick Duval would take over as Chair. Resolving the above has proved difficult, and costly with the solicitors' fees standing at £7K to date.

Significantly as of March 2026 I have at last achieved my long-term goal of reuniting the Clerk of Kidlington Town Council back to the fold as Secretary of the Trust. For whatever reasons Sarah has not attended a Trust Meeting this year resulting in a lack of dialogue between the parties which has naturally caused misunderstandings and misconceptions. Hopefully we can now put this behind us and move forward on a united front.

Recent events at Orchard Rec have confirmed a Structural Problem

with the Clubhouse Roof above the Clubroom. An initial insurance request was rejected prior to KYFC launching a Go Fund Me page which led to various concerns from the Town Council regarding the validity of this method of fund raising. The page which was headed with a (AI mock up picture) has since been removed at the request of KTC. The Trust closed the entire building on the 23rd March and completed a Structural Survey on the 27th. We have since seen the results of this survey and our first action is to request our Insurers to reconsider our claim.

On behalf of the Trust may I personally thank the raft of Volunteers who deliver Sport and Recreation at each of the Trusts Four Recreation Grounds. You are each a credit to the Clubs you represent. I would like to thank all of the Trustees who have contributed to our meetings over the year. Finally I wish to thank the Trust Officers Karen and Mary without who, we would cease to function.