



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
31	Oct	2022	30	Sept	2023
From			T	o	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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 Ann Tate	Chair		
2 Sue Theeman	Treasurer		
3 Richard Ellis	Secretary		
4 Rodney Tate	Bookings		
5 Robin Banks	Member		
6 Ann Widdick	Member	Resigned October 2022	
7 Rob Day	Member		
8 Dan Bailey	Member	w.e.f December 2022	
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20			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Graham Reid	Mitchery Farm House, Mitchery Lane, Bury St Edmunds
		IP30 0SS

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Trust Deed (03 October 2003)
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Elected at Annual General Meeting

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.

The Council has written policies which are within the public domain on the following topics:

Safeguarding
Health & Safety
Equality

The Council now meets bi monthly and holds an Annual General Meeting in the Autumn. The Chair's statement is placed on the RCC Website. There is no meeting in August. Members keep in touch between meetings via email, telecons and Whatsapp. An agenda and minutes are available to those attending meetings. Standing items include e.g. Finance and Budget issues.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The Council provides indoor and outdoor recreational facilities including e.g. a Pavilion, playing field and a children's playground for the benefit of those residing in Rattlesden and neighbouring villages.

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)

The main activities centre on maintenance of the Pavilion, playing field and children's playground. The Pavilion is used for a variety of purposes including e.g. Wedding Receptions, Birthday Parties, Yoga Sessions and Church Group Activities etc. The playing field is used by football teams and the playground by local children. Each year there is usually a Bonfire Night celebration (see below). The Music Festival is no longer held as the organisers have other commitments. The Trustees have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Ann Widdick intimated that she would be standing down from the Committee at the AGM and her resignation has now been received.

The Committee were pleased to welcome Dan Bailey as a Member in December 2022. It is good to see new and younger residents taking an active interest in Village life. Dan has been particularly helpful in enhancing the Committees presence on Social Media.

Whilst the UK emerged from the pandemic and bookings did pick up they have now been adversely affected by the "cost of living crisis" and there is a need to generate more income from Raffle Ticket sales, and Pavilion bookings, especially Weddings which remain the best source of revenue

The playing field remains actively used and the playground for younger children was refurbished last year. A small group of local parents help the Committee by reporting any snagging issues with the Playground which is also subject to a formal annual inspection.

The Bonfire was successfully reinstated post Covid restrictions for 2021 and 2022. It is always well attended and is a highlight of the Village year.

The Bonfire and Fireworks, since November 2023, are now organised and run by a separate limited liability company who organise their own insurance cover.

The Council keeps the local community updated on its activities via an insert in the monthly Parish Magazine.

The Councils financial standing remains positive. We ended the financial year with £21.4k in our savings account and £16.9k in our current account. Plus £10k on deposit. Total £48.5k – which is similar to last year

The Council carries appropriate insurances to cover its risks and during the course of the year our insurances were placed with Hiscox as the Scheme with Zurich was terminated by the brokers. Zurich would not quote on an individual risk basis and searches in the market proved fruitless. Eventually, CAS, our brokers placed our risk within their new scheme.

In November 2022 we had a serious vandalism attack when solar panels were damaged. Our insurance claim against Zurich was met without any problems and we recovered the full costs of approx. £10,500.

Our Chair continues to pursue grant opportunities and in February 2023 we received £1000 under the warm spaces initiative.

Unfortunately, we'd to submit another insurance claim in August 2023 to our new insurers, Hiscox, in respect of a water leak. The leak has been repaired although the cost is not yet known by Hiscox appointed contractors and Hiscox have also reimbursed our loss of water claim at £1250.

We have had a number of low level vandalism attacks in addition and have recently installed CCTV as a precautionary measure.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees review the Councils financial performance each month and ensure sufficient funds are in place to meet reasonably anticipated expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

Funds are raised via a Lucky Numbers Club, with an annual subscription and monthly prizes plus hires of the Pavilion and playing field. The Council explores other areas of funding when the opportunity arises, especially grants.

Section F

Other optional information

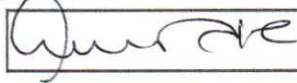
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Sue Theeman

Full name(s)

ANN TATE

SUSAN THEEMAN

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR

TREASURER

Date

23.03.24



Charity Name		No (if any)	
Rattlesden Community Council		304936	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1-Oct-22		30-Sep-23

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising events	4,577	-	-	4,577	3,384
Grants, donations and similar receipts	2,356	1,000	-	3,356	58,080
Bank deposit interest	122	-	-	122	14
Pavilion and playing field operations	25,727	-	-	25,727	13,368
Miscellaneous	-0	-	-	-	50
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,782	1,000	-	33,782	74,896
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-0	-0	-0	-	
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Sub total	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Total receipts	32,782	1,000	-0	33,782	74,896
A3 Payments					
Fundraising events	3,024	-	-	3,024	3,726
Grants, donations and similar receipts	970	1,000	-	1,970	950
Pavilion and playing field operations	27,403	-	-	27,403	9,939
Miscellaneous	132	-	-	132	80
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,529	1,000	-	32,529	14,695
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Pavilion building and fixtures	839	-0	-0	839	-0
Pavilion furnishings and equipment	-0	-0	-0	-	169
Playing field equipment	502	-0	-0	502	-0
Playground equipment and installation	-0	-0	-0	-	57,940
Sub total	1,341	-0	-0	1,341	58,109
Total payments	32,870	1,000	-0	33,870	72,804
Net of receipts/(payments)	-88	-	-	88	2,092
A5 Transfers between funds	-0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48,503	-	-	48,503	46,411
Cash funds this year end	48,415	-	-	48,415	48,503

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current bank account	16,979	-	-



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
RATTLESDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 SEPTEMBER 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

304936

Set out on pages

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(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 30/09/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

I have no concerns and 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:

Date:

14/05/2024

Name:

GRAHAM CHARLES REID

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

**FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
IN ENGLAND AND WALES**

Address:

**MITCHERY FARMHOUSE, RATTLESDEN, BURY ST EDMUNDS,
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Section B

Disclosure

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