

# RUNNYMEDE PLEASURE GROUND

## ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEE - 2024/2025

### Registered Charity Number 305021

The accounts of the Runnymede Pleasure Ground have been prepared in accordance with the *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.* Runnymede Pleasure Ground comprises a land holding held in trust by Runnymede Borough Council for the benefit of the public. The accounts consist of a statement of financial activity and associated balance sheet. The following annual report is prepared in accordance with the regulations for charities that have income and assets both under £250,000:

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Runnymede Pleasure Ground is a park between Windsor and Egham, sited between the bank of the River Thames and the Windsor to Maidenhead Road (A308). It adjoins National Trust land, and the Magna Carta Monument and Kennedy Memorial are nearby.

Runnymede Borough Council is the sole trustee and holds the land in Trust in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the surrounding residents. In order to ensure that Runnymede Pleasure ground continues to be of value to local residents the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit during their annual review.

During the financial year in question the facilities to users included:

- Cafe facilities and mobile ice cream vendors
- A play area for children
- Paddling pool area
- Amusements for children
- Parking for cars and buses
- Access to riverside cruiser landing point
- Walkways to National Trust areas, the Thames path, and the BUPA healthy walk

Runnymede Pleasure Ground is used by a wide range of members of the public and attracted over 100,000 visitors in the year in question.

Regular annual events have included Running events, A Thames Path challenge, Dragons and Wakaama Distance event, Easter Ultra challenge and regattas mounted by the nearby skiff and boating clubs.

In early 2014 year the Pleasure Grounds were adversely affected by local flooding. Additional costs were spent on repairs and cleaning of the paddling pool, repairs to gates and fences damaged by rescue services, precautionary decontamination of the play area and removing general flood debris from across the park and silt from hard surfaced areas. As a result of the flooding the Trustees agreed to set up a restricted reserve in the sum of £40,000 for any future flooding events.

The accounts set out in the accompanying report were approved by the Trustees on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Signed on their behalf

Mr P French  
Corporate Head of Finance

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**RUNNYMEDE PLEASURE GROUND**  
**Statement of Financial Activity for the year ended 31st March 2025**

2023/2024 Actual £	Notes	2024/2025 Actual £
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>		
122,175	Car Parking	116,286
37,124	Rents and Leases	36,096
158	Costs Recovered	179
0	Other Income	43,700
19,144	Interest on Internal Investments	16,817
<b><u>178,601</u></b>	<b>Total incoming Resources</b>	<b><u>213,077</u></b>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>		
14,000	Wages & Salaries	15,000
27,043	Premises Related Expenses	127,090
28,756	Utilities	23,862
20,813	Grounds Maintenance	29,437
1,099	Transport Expenses	70
26,566	Tools, Plant & Equipment	61,206
27,665	Computer Maintenance	33,831
794	Fees	1,245
1,281	Other	1,014
<u>148,018</u>		<u>292,756</u>
	<u>Management and administrative recharges</u>	
14,016	Administrative recharges	24,500
		24,500
<b><u>162,034</u></b>	<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>317,255</u></b>
<b><u>16,567</u></b>	<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>	<b><u>(104,179)</u></b>
£		£
16,567	Net movement in funds for the year	(104,179)
379,277	Total funds brought forward	395,845
<b><u>395,845</u></b>	<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b><u>291,666</u></b>

**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

31 Mar 2024 Actual £	Notes	31 Mar 2025 Actual £
<b>Current Assets</b>		
395,845	Cash at Bank	291,666
<b><u>395,845</u></b>	<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>291,666</u></b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>		
344,454	Unrestricted Funds	240,327
	Restricted Funds:	
40,000	Provision for future flooding	40,000
11,391	Queen Elizabeth II statute	11,340
<b><u>395,845</u></b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b><u>291,666</u></b>



## Notes to the accounts

- 1 Runnymede Borough Council maintains Runnymede Pleasure Ground for the Charitable Trust.
- 2 These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005), accounting standards and with the Charities Act 1993.
- 3 The Trustees agreed to several improvements to the site during 2024/25 including to the playground renovation. This has increased both the utility costs and the repair costs in the current
- 4 The Council is able to realise economies of scale as part of its general responsibilities for management of recreation grounds within the Borough. Expenditure in respect of staff time, legal and professional advice, insurance, general supplies, and support and professional services has not been specifically identified by the Council but is estimated to be £24,500.
- 5 In February 2015 the Trustees agreed to establish a dedicated restricted reserve in the sum of £40,000 for future flooding events. In addition it was agreed during November 2017 that Runnymede Magna Carta Legacy limited would pay £25,000 to Runnymede pleasure ground to cover the costs of maintaining and ensuring the statute of HM Queen Elizabeth II for a period of 5 years, to date we have received £12,500 of the £25,000. The balance of reserves will continue to remain unrestricted in their nature. In addition it was also agreed that wherever possible an operating level of £20,000 be maintained in unrestricted reserves to cover for any unexpected expenditure requirements.

# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Runnymede Pleasure Ground

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

305021

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities  
of trustees 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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 examiner's  
statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come 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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met ; or

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

Signed:

*J. Sandford*

Date:

*17-01-26*

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*JAMES SANDFORD*

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any):

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