



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **Period Oct 2024 To Oct. 2025**

Charity name: Barns Green Playing Field and Village Hall Trust

Charity registration number: 305386


Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Trust Deed dated 1957. "The trust premises shall be held upon trust for the purposes of a recreational ground and village hall for the benefit of the Civil Parish of Itchingfield in the County of Sussex and the vicinity within a radius of 5 miles from Itchingfield Church"
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Mainly the up keep of the playing field and village hall. The children's play area was revamped and solar panels installed on the village hall roof that had been renewed last year.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Trust relies on volunteers at all levels. It has two operational committees responsible for the day to management of defined assets – all

		volunteers. Fund raising is undertaken by volunteers. The membership organisations are almost all voluntary organisations.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Within the period solar panels were installed on the village hall. The solar energy generated reduces the utility costs. This saving is reflected in the hire rates.</p> <p>The children's play area was refurbished and extended providing a more interesting and "educational" play area.</p> <p>In conjunction with the Parish Council, District and County Council facilitated the installation of a safe footpath on Trust land to enable parents to walk children in safety from the local primary school to and from the car park – run by the Trust</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The playing field remains the key area for all sports in the village.</p> <p>The village hall is used by numerous community organisations including the Village Playgroup, Youth Club, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Players (Drama), the Church, and various wellbeing groups.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Fund raising is undertaken to support the village hall. Events such as film nights and quiz nights.</p> <p>Larger projects tend to be funded through the trust and discretionary awards from Itchingfield Parish Council or Horsham District Council</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Consolidated accounts: Income £62,547.99
		Exp. £59,55.80 Margin £13,54.19
Other		Total
		Funds £35,81.38
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10k Playing field against designated future projects. £10k village hall against COVID type event. The Trust is currently looking how best to address a single reserve for both the hall and playing field.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.23	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.25	N/A
statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held against specific probable expenditure items and to enable the village hall to remain operational for 6 months should there be another COVID type event. No income but key costs remain.

Additional information (optional)

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Other		The trust is undertaking a review of all activities and establishing what it can
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trend in declining in numbers playing for village sports clubs potentially threatening sustainability of various groups. One of the key hires of the hall decides to go elsewhere impacting income.
investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.48	N/A
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Discretionary grants from the Parish Council etc. for specific projects Hire charges and fundraising.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Consolidated accounts: Income £62,547.99 Exp <u>£49,293.80</u> Margin <u>£13,254.19</u> B/Fwd <u>£22,297.17</u> Total Funds <u>£35,551.36</u>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held against specific probable expenditure items and to enable the village hall to remain operational for 6 months should there be another COVID type event. No income but key costs remain.
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Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
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Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Hire charges and fundraising. Discretionary grants from the Parish Council etc. for specific projects
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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	One of the key hirers of the hall decides to go elsewhere impacting income. The trend in declining in numbers playing for village sports clubs potentially threatening sustainability of various groups.
Other		The trust is undertaking a review of all activities and establishing what it can

Structure, Governance and Management

<p>Use of Trust Just</p>	<p>Unincorporated</p>	<p>do to encourage a greater level of participation in sporting, recreational and wellbeing activities.</p>
<p>Open election and nomination by member organisations</p>	<p>Part 1.55</p>	<p>Trustees selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>The trust is currently developing a number of policies and procedures to cover key areas of activity</p>	<p>Part 1.51</p>	<p>Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees</p>
<p>The trust is currently made up of a number of member organisations each nominating an individual to be a member of the Trust. The chair is elected. Membership complies with the requirements of the Deed. There are two operational committees who are responsible for the day-to-day management of the village hall and the "external" assets of the trust. An annual AGM and four general meetings. The AGM is open to the community.</p>	<p>Part 1.51</p>	<p>The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works</p>
<p>The Trust has links through its membership to local user groups, sports clubs, and recreational organisation. It has a strong relationship with IPC. It has recently submitted a response to the Local Authority consultation on leisure activities in the area.</p>	<p>Part 1.51</p>	<p>Relationship with any related parties</p>
<p>The Trust is currently looking at revising its governance structure to enable quicker and more efficient decision making and providing a greater focus on developing assets for the benefit of the community. Thereby encouraging more involvement in recreational, sport and wellbeing activities.</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>Other</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Deed of Trust 1057
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Open election and nomination by member organisations

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The trust is currently developing a number of policies and procedures to cover key areas of activity
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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Trust has links through its membership to local user groups, sports clubs, and recreational organisation. It has a strong relationship with IPC It has recently submitted a response to the Local Authority consultation on leisure activities in the area.
Other		The Trust is currently looking at revising its governance structure to enable: quicker and more efficient decision making and providing a greater focus on developing assets for the benefit of the community. Thereby encouraging more involvement in recreational, sport and wellbeing activities.

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	Paul Harding	Chair		Open vote and membership organisations
2	Alan Lambkin	Treasurer		
3	Paul Bailey			
4	Alan Strudley			
5	Karen Ott			
6	Russ Parkes			
7	Fiona Christer			
8	Paul Rice			
9	Simon Gale			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

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

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None	Signature(s)
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Date
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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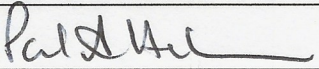
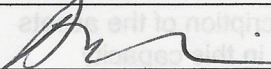
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Paul Anthony Harding	Alan Lambkin
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	11.03.2026.	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

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

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Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS 2024-2025

	Village Hall	Playing Fields	Total
Income	£56,913.10	£5,634.89	£62,547.99
Expenditure	£45,355.21	£3,938.59	£49,293.80
Income/Expenditure	£11,557.89	£1,696.30	£13,254.19
B/Fwd	£7,509.38	£14,787.79	£22,297.17
Total funds:	£19,067.27	£16,484.09	£35,551.36

14th August Accounts

Balance Brought Forward from 31 August 2024:

Cash		
Current Account	£7,190.85	
Solar Account	£318.53	
		£7,509.38

INCOME:

Regular Hirings	£36,210.19	
Private Hirings	£5,018.75	
Fundraising	£718.32	
Deposit Account Interest	£41.56	
Solar Income	£454.51	
Other	£14,469.77	
	Subtotal:	£56,913.10

EXPENDITURE:

Wages	£8,310.39	
HMRC		
Utilities	£8,047.87	
Service, Repairs and Maintenance	£5,155.84	
Hall Improvements	£3,968.04	
Cleaning Materials	£1,198.21	
Licences and Fees	£1,535.94	
Insurance	£1,674.93	
Advertising & Marketing	£813.00	
Website Management	£42.00	
Other (Ben Baxter)	£14,608.99	
	Subtotal:	£45,355.21

INCOME/EXPENDITURE for 2024/2025:		£11,557.89
TOTAL FUNDS:		£19,067.27

Represented by:

Cash		
Current Account	£13,707.18	
Savings Account	£5,360.09	
	TOTAL FUNDS:	£19,067.27

Utilities:

Electricity	£3,905.71	
Gas	£534.50	
Telephone	£503.26	
Water	£1,666.94	
Waste Collection	£1,437.46	
		£8,047.87

RUN RATE ANALYSIS (ytd)		
BAU Spend	£20,767.34	
Service and Maintenance	£5,155.84	
Run Rate Spend (ytd)		£25,923.18
Run Rate Income (Hirings)	£36,210.19	
Run Rate Contribution (ytd)		£10,287.01
Discretionary Spend (ytd)		
Hall Developments	£3,968.04	
Marketing	£855.00	
Discretionary Spend Total (ytd)		£4,823.04
Discretionary Income (ytd)		
Private Hirings	£5,018.75	
Fund raising (net)	£718.32	
Donations	£454.51	
Discretionary Income Total (ytd)		£6,191.58
Available Discretionary Spend		£1,368.54

Approved by
M Charman
FCOA Accountant
(Signature)

BARNS GREEN PLAYING FIELD TRUST
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 31st August 2025

	Balance brought forward £ 14,787.79	
<u>INCOME:</u>	£	
— Wayleaves	18.81	
— Itchingfield PC (Insurance)	1,500.00	
— Itchingfield PC (Playground)	600.00	
— Field Hiring charges	2,720.00	
Sports & Social Club Lease to 31 st Dec 2023 5	—	
— Bank Interest	196.08	
— Rugby Fund Raising	100.00	
— Trim Trail	500.00	
		£ 5,634.89
		£ 20,422.68

EXPENDITURE:

Field Insurance	1,648.59	
Village Green maintenance	2,190.00	
Equipment maintenance	—	
Playground maintenance	—	
Rugby Fund Raising	100.00	
Trim trail	—	
		£ 3,938.59

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD:

Current Account	2,057.26	
Cash in Hand	19.37	
Deposit Account	14,407.46	
		£ 16,484.09
		£ 20,422.68

SURPLUS.....£ 1,696.30

C.J.E. SIMPSON
Hon Treasurer
October 2025

Approved
M Charman
FCCA Accountant
(Signature)



Report to the trustees

BARN'S GREEN PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE
HALL TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST AUGUST 2025

Charity no
(if any)

305386

Set out on pages

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

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:

M. Chorman

Date:

22/9/2025

Name:

MAGDALENA CHARMAN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if

ACCA

any):

Address:

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.



Report to the trustees **BARN'S GREEN PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL TRUST**

On accounts for the year ended **31ST AUGUST 2025** Charity no (if any) **305386**

Set out on pages

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

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.

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Signed: [Signature] Date: 22/9/2025

Name: MAGDALENA CHARMAN

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if) ACCA

any):

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

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Date: 22/9/2017

Signed: [Signature]

Name: MAGDALENA CHARMAN

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