

STABLES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Old Rectory, Bolnhurst, Bedford MK44 2ES
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Tel: (01234)376237 Charity No: 327398

Annual Report 2025

Overview

Throughout 2025 the project continued to provide training and support to clients and was well attended throughout the year.

Governance and Management

The trustees met once during the year and were available for ongoing support and advice.

The health and safety committee met twice during the year and reported to the Trustees.

Staff meetings were held monthly and continued to form the basis for the day to day running of the project.

Staff

Two members of staff joined during the year to fill the Office administrator and Client Supervisor roles.

3 volunteers assisted staff members, 2 continued to help with administration jobs, one of them being a member of the Health and Safety Committee. One assisted working with the clients.

Seed Sowers Project

The Tuesday programme averaged 12 attendees and the Thursday group averaged 5 attendees throughout the year, who were all involved in varying ways in the practical tasks of the project. Thursday clients continued to work well together. One client stated that coming to the stables had helped them feel part of a community and overall clients continue to express how much they value the project.

Sales and production

Customers were able to purchase preserves, plants, produce, handmade gifts and cards from the shop throughout the year. The Coffee Shop was able open monthly between May and October and was particularly well attended. We were able to attend a number of external sales and events which were both extremely popular and successful as was our own Christmas Sale. It is hoped these will continue to be successful throughout 2026.

We supplied 5 local retail outlets and enjoyed increased sales as a result.

External liaison

External liaison with local councils, charities, churches and care professionals continued, and we hope to continue this throughout 2026.

Building and grounds maintenance, and capital resources

No significant changes were made to the buildings or grounds.

Summary

Throughout 2025 the project continued to provide our clients with a structured and nurtured progression towards increased independence, confidence and self- esteem whilst gaining work and social skills in a tranquil and safe and environment.

A dedicated and hard-working Staff team have become vital members of the team, establishing positive working relationships with other staff members and clients.

Feedback from clients and their carers continued to be extremely positive in terms of how much they value the project.

Support by the local communities has continued with Local churches and individuals continuing to give donations. Several grants were awarded throughout the year contributing towards the running costs of the project. It is hoped we will increase our funding applications during 2026.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Bolnhurst Stables Trust		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	327398
Set out on pages	3, 4 and 5		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

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").

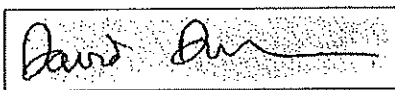
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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:

- 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.

Signed:		**Date:**	26 February 2026
Name:	David Dwyer		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	The Forge Keysoe Rd Riseley, Beds. MK44 1DE		

Section B Disclosure

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.

Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2025

	2025		2024		2023	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Restricted
Income						
Sales	8,795		7,821		7,501	
Donations	11,778		12,427		12,226	
Stewardship	0		0		0	
Grants	19,962		29,021		37,700	2,000
Room Hire	369		485		210	
Course Fees	31,267		27,559		29,537	
Gift Aid	1,977		2,159		2,012	
HMRC Recovery	2,935		2,862		3,334	
Bank Interest	205		225		174	
Miscellaneous	19		63		0	
CJRS Claim	0		0		0	
	77,307	**0**	**82,622**	**0**	**92,693**	**2,000**
Expenditure						
Wages	51,471		61,176		67,746	1,175
Travel	3,968		3,882		4,275	
Consumables to aid Sales	3,437		2,319		2,034	
Office Supplies	469		1,004		882	
Health & Safety	584		311		311	
Water Rates	594		417		443	
Fuel	3,156		3,053		3,306	
Insurance	4,626		4,384		4,332	
Repairs & Maintenance	384		486		1,029	
Course Equipment	289		334		94	229
Training costs	242		185		345	
HMRC	2,935		2,862		3,334	
Banking	149		136		117	
IT Support	2,360		2,068		1,916	
Miscellaneous	0		35		50	
	74,663	**0**	**82,651**	**0**	**90,212**	**1,404**
Surplus/deficit for the year	**2,644**	**0**	**-28**	**0**	**2,481**	**596**

Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Balance Sheet 31st December 2025

Notes		2025	2024	2023
	Fixed Assets:			
1	Office Equipment			
2	Fixtures and Fittings			
3	Garden Tools and Equipment			
	Current Assets:			
1	Stock			
2	Debtors	383	1,163	280
	HMRC			
3	Cash in hand and at bank	13,751	9,453	10,550
		14,134	**10,616**	**10,830**
	Current Liabilities:			
4	Creditors	765	88	83
	HMRC	804	607	796
	Payments in advance		-	-
		1,569	694	880
	Total Assets	**12,565**	**9,922**	**9,950**
	Represented by:			
	General Reserve brought forward	9,325	9,354	6,873
	Restricted Funds brought forward	596	596	
	Surplus/deficit on general funds	2,644	28	2,481
5	Surplus/deficit on restricted funds	-		596
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	Total C/F	**12,565**	**9,922**	**9,950**

Signed J. Wood

Chairman of the Trustees

Name in Full JOHN WOOD

Date 4th JUNE 2026

Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

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All fixed assets and stock have been written off in the year of purchase

2 Debtors

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S Clifton	T2386	155.52
		383.02

3 Cash in hand and at bank

Bank balance	13,424.14
Cash in hand	327.19
Cash waiting to cleared at bank	-
	13,751.33

4 Creditors

Unpresented cheques			
HMRC	0	376.69	Q3 Tax, NI
HMRC	0	213.69	Q3 Tax, NI
Nest	0	96.18	Q3 Tax, NI
HMRC	0	213.49	Pension
YourNRG		356.21	
Copycare		54.00	
JV & AJ Wood		258.71	
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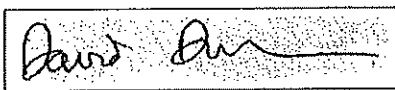
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