COOKLEY PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL

CHARITY NUMBER: 523206

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025. The accounts comply with current statutory requirements and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Cookley Playing Field and Village Hall is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The charity registration number is 523206. The principal registered address is:

Cookley Playing Fields
Lea Lane
Cookley, Kidderminster
Worcestershire. DY10 3TA

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end who manage the Charity were as follows:

John Wood	Chairperson
Jo Bailey	Treasurer

Other Trustees who have resigned since the year end who managed the Charity were as follows:

Ellen Wood	Secretary	Resigned January 2026

Other Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Louise Parsonage	
Judy Hinksman	
Julia Simmonds	
Rachel Foxall	
Amy Allardice	
David Bareford	
Dave Jones	
Lewis Jones	
John Niclkin	Appointed March 2025

The Trustees who have resigned during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mark Bennett	Resigned February 2025	
Sue Atkins	Resigned March 2025	
Mike Wood	Resigned January 2026	Appointed July 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated Association. A governing scheme for the charity named "Cookley Playing Field and Village Hall Charity" formerly known as "Cookley Playing Field Charity" was created on 24th April 2008.

The "Cookley Playing Field and Village Hall Charity" created a head lease for the land and buildings known as "Cookley Village Hall" given to "The Cookley Parish Hall Charity" for 99 years in 2009. "The Cookley Parish Hall Charity" created a sublease of these land and buildings back to the "Cookley Playing Field and Village Hall Charity", given for 99 years in 2009.

The Cookley Sports Club, a registered members club, operates from the Association's premises and nominates a trustee. The Club pays a rent together with 10% of its profit to the Association.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Trustees are appointed and reappointed at the Annual General Meeting, held in April each year.

New Trustees put themselves forward for election at the AGM (and at subsequent Trustee meetings) and are proposed and seconded. They are then elected on a majority basis. This is in line with the method laid down in the Constitution.

The charity is run by the Trustees who form the Management Committee, meeting regularly to administer the charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the charity is, in the interests of social welfare, to improve conditions of life of the inhabitants of the area and benefit without distinction of political, religious, or other opinions by the provision and maintenance of:

(i) A village hall for use by the inhabitants, including:
- meetings, lectures and classes;
- other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation

(ii) A recreation ground for use by the residents.

The main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects are for the provision and upkeep of a playing field site, including changing rooms and a multi-use games area (MUGA) for the use and development of local sports teams, as well as play and recreational areas for the general benefit of local residents. In providing these activities, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees have taken this guidance into account when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant.

In furtherance of its aims and objectives, the Association has adopted a child protection policy, an equal opportunities policy, and an environmental policy.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Purpose: The aims of the charity are to provide and maintain a Village Hall and Recreation ground for public benefit.

Facilities provided: We maintain a village hall and community facilities including meeting rooms; a function room with dance floor; changing rooms; a MUGA sports area; bowls green; sports playing fields; and youth/outdoor facilities (children's play area, BMX track, skateboard ramps, and a hangout shelter).

Investment and improvements: Volunteers and trustees secured and supported grants and in-kind support to improve the Village Hall and surrounding recreation facilities, including the following projects:

- **Playground refurbishment and new equipment:** supported by £23,600 from Biffa; £10,000 from the Sebright Foundation; £1,000 from a Cookley Cricket Club charity event; £500 from Wyre Forest Councillor Robin Drew; and £122 raised from the Cookley Round the Wall race.
- **Solar panels and LED lighting:** supported by a £25,000 grant from Worcestershire County Council; Cookley Sports Club and the Trustees invested £16,000 (costs shared between the two committees).
- **Village Hall floor replacement:** supported by a £19,800 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund and £5,000 from the Bernard Sunley Foundation.
- **BMX track repair and resurfacing:** funded by £15,000 from Sport England and £14,800 from donations and fundraising organised by Dazz Brown.
- **Toilet refurbishment (planned for 2026):** Cookley Football secured a Football Foundation grant of £18,600; the Trustees and Cookley Sports Club will provide additional funding and the work will take place in 2026.

- **Cellar soakaway reinstatement and upgrade:** Trustees secured the involvement of Titan Steel Wheels to reinstate and upgrade the cellar soakaway.

Community engagement and support: Trustees supported club events (including the Bonfire) and organised a Community Engagement Event. Financial support was provided—alongside the Sports Club, Football Club, and Cricket Club—for works to improve the playing field. Sports teams and local clubs were also supported through free room hire for presentation evenings.

Support for Cookley Bloomers: Trustees provided agreement and support to Cookley Bloomers to improve community facilities, including:

- Coppicing meadows and surrounding areas.
- Litter picking, painting, fixing locks, and tree planting.
- Cutting back brambles and nettles; thinning trees; and crown raising to restore the area to a parkland setting with natural acid grassland.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's normal policy is to generate and maintain adequate funds and reserves for the efficient running of the charity on a day-to-day basis.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report.

John Wood (Chairperson)
Signed for and on behalf of Cookley Playing Field And Village Hall Trustees
Dated:

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
COOKLEY PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 10.

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report
Our examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 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 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.

Accountant's statement
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met: or

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

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Dated: 29 April 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS					
Investment Income	2	75,080	-	75,080	74,749
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES	3	-	112,443	112,443	20,116
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		75,080	112,443	187,523	94,865
RESOUCES EXPENDED					
Charitable Activities	5	72,772	-	72,772	74,616
Governance Costs	4	600	-	600	600
Depreciation:	6				
- buildings		10,557	22,818	33,375	27,200
- plant & equipment		7,937	4,524	12,461	8,137
- fixtures & fittings		-	5,408	5,408	5,265
(Profit) on sale of disposal		-	-	-	(800)
		18,494	32,750	51,244	39,802
TOTAL REOURCES EXPENDED		91,866	32,750	124,616	115,018
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(16,786)	79,693	62,907	(20,153)
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED					
GAINS OR LOSSES		(16,786)	79,693	62,907	(20,153)
ADJUSTMENT TO OPENING BALANCES		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(16,786)	79,693	62,907	(20,153)
Balance at 1st January 2025		334,409	659,497	993,906	1,014,059
Balance at 31st December 2025		317,623	739,190	1,056,813	993,906

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BALANCE SHEET
AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Note		2025		2024
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	6		1,019,318		941,176
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks and Work-In-Progress	7	-		-	
Debtors	8	7,809		3,021	
Cash at Bank and In-Hand	9	31,272		50,730	
		39,081		53,751	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	10	1,373		1,021	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES			37,708		52,730
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,057,026		993,906
FUNDS	11				
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			334,739		352,120
RESTRICTED FUNDS			722,287		641,786
			1,057,026		993,906

John Wood (Chairperson)
Signed for an on behalf of
Cookley Playing Field and Village Hall Trustees

Dated: 29 April 2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i) Basis of accounting
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention (modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets) and are in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", the Charities Act 2011 and in compliance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland".

ii) Income
- Recognition of income. These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
  - the charity become entitled to the income;
  - the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the income;
  - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient accuracy.
- Income with related expenditure. When income has related expenditure (as with fundraising) the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
- Grants and donations. These are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
- Performance related grants. These are only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
- Investment income. This is included in the SoFA when receivable.
- Volunteer help. The value of any applicable volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but may be referred to in the Trustees' Annual Report.

(iii) Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Irrecoverable VAT is included as part of expenditure to which it relates. Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all similar costs and which can then be related to costs of raising funds, charitable activities and governance costs. Costs of management and administration where applicable are reallocated to charitable activities. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(iv) Fixed Assets
Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are generally capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates to write off the cost less estimated residual value of the assets over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Land and buildings	50 years; 25 years; 15 years and 4 years straight line
Plant and equipment	5%; 12% and 12.5% straight line
Fixtures and equipment	12% straight line

In 2019, immovable assets purchased by Cookley Social Club were deemed to be owned by the charity and as such treated as a donation from the Cookley Social Club, with the net book value of such assets as at 1st January 2019 representing the transferred value of these assets.

(v) Stocks and Work-In-Progress
Stocks and work-in-progress, where applicable, are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(vi) Funds
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds arise from grants and donations received to be spent on the buildings and fixtures. They are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. The balance in each restricted fund represents the amount still remaining for future expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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2. INVESTMENT INCOME	2025 £	2024 £
Rental Income (see below)	75,080	74,749
	75,080	74,749

RENTAL INCOME	2025 £	2024 £
Field rents	3,374	2,380
Multi-Use Games Area rents	3,197	2,476
Sports Club rents	13,535	12,047
Village Hall bookings	54,842	57,716
Wayleave	132	130
	75,080	74,749

3. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £
Parish Council	-	1,754	3,341
Donations:			
- BMX Track Donations	-	260	16,275
- Cookley Sports Club (Solar Panels)	-	8,078	-
- Cookley Cricket Club (Playground)	-	1,000	-
- Councillor Robin Drew (Playground)	-	500	-
- Cookley Round The Wall – Race (Playground)	-	122	-
- Anonymous (replacement Meeting Room Furniture)	-	2,177	-
- Cookley Sports Club and Other (Bench)	-	-	500
Grants:			
- Sebright Educational Foundation Grant (Playground)	-	10,000	-
- Biffa (Playground)	-	23,681	-
- Sport England (BMX Track)	-	15,000	-
- Worcestershire County Council (Solar Panels)	-	25,000	-
- Bernad Sunley Foundation (Village Hall floor)	-	5,000	
- National Lottery Community Fund (Village Hall floor)	-	19,871	-
	-	112,443	20,116

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS	2025 £	2024 £
Accountancy:		
Independent examination/accountancy fees	600	600
	600	600

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	34,236		34,176	33,729
Village Hall cleaning and maintenance	12,339		12,339	10,193
Insurances	6,233		6,233	5,956
Water, light and heat	6,558		6,558	15,004
Playing fields maintenance	2,578		2,578	2,365
Park and parklands maintenance	8,472		8,472	5,728
Licenses	641		641	1,019
Professional fees	1,433		1,433	-
Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	150		150	222
Sundries	-		-	194
Bank charges	132		132	205
	72,772	-	72,772	74,616

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2025	1,269,269	154,712	118,661	1,542,642
Additions	92,616	34,594	2,176	129,386
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2025	1,361,885	189,306	120,837	1,672,028
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2025	393,916	124,423	83,127	601,466
Elimination on disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	33,375	12,461	5,408	51,244
At 31st December 2025	427,291	136,884	88,535	652,710
Net Book Value				
At 31st December 2025	934,594	52,422	32,302	1,019,318
At 31st December 2024	875,353	30,289	35,534	941,176

7. STOCKS AND WORK-IN-PROGRESS

	2025	2024
	£	£
	-	-

8. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,809	3,021
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
	7,809	3,021

9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at Bank and In Hand	31,272	50,730
	31,272	50,730

At the 31st December 2024, the charity's bank account included £16,275 in respect of fundraising activities towards the refurbishment of the BMX track. During 2025, the majority of this money was spent on the said refurbishment, hence why the bank balance at 31st December 2025 is considerably lower.

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors and accruals	1,373	1,021
	1,373	1,021

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible assets	297,031	722,287	1,019,318
Current assets	39,081	-	39,081
Creditors due within one year	(1,373)	-	(1,373)
	334,739	722,287	1,057,026

12. LAND

See overleaf

12. LAND (continued)

The charity purchased 25.895 acres of land for £1,440 on 15th December 1949 where the charity's buildings and principal activities are located. This land is not capitalised on the balance sheet as the Trustees do not anticipate the winding up and future resale of this land and as such its capitalisation is not material to the financial activities of the charity.

13. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No payments were made in respect of the trustees' remuneration for 2024 or 2025.

There were no other expenses.