CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
SADDLEWORTH OUTDOOR PURSUITS ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year ended	31 January 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	702185

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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 31/01/2026.

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.

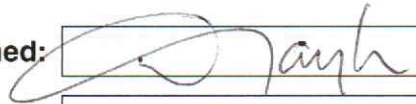
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (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:  **Date:** 25/09/2026

Name: Matthew Taylor

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 5/6 Salmon Fields, Royton, Oldham, OL2 6HT

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.	Not applicable

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Saddleworth Outdoor Pursuits Association	702185

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/02/2025	To	31/01/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bookings	17,190	-	-	17,190	22,605
Deposits received	1,400	-	-	1,400	2,400
Grants	11,875	-	-	11,875	5,283
Interest received	577	-	-	577	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	31,042	-	-	31,042	30,288
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,042	-	-	31,042	30,288
A3 Payments					
Deposits returned	1,370	-	-	1,370	1,660
Expenditure	50,640	-	-	50,640	21,351
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	52,010	-	-	52,010	23,011
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	52,010	-	-	52,010	23,011
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 20,968	-	-	- 20,968	7,277
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 20,968	-	-	- 20,968	7,277

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash at bank	33,650	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	33,650	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
P.A. Byrne	P.A. BYRNE	7.Oct26
Mary Jones	M.J. JONES	7 Oct 26

SADDLEWORTH OUTDOOR PURSUITS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of SOPA AGM on Monday, March 2, 2026, at Boarshurst Centre, Greenfield, 10.30 am start.

Present: Mark McLoughlin (chairman), Janice Guest (treasurer), Sue Heywood, Cllr Pam Byrne, Chris Bird, Tim Rimmer, Tony Kirman, Trevor Baxter (secretary), Mark Jones

Apologies: Dave Davies, Alan Swift.

Minutes of the previous AGM on April 11, 2025, approved.

Chairman's report:

MMc thanked volunteers for their time and effort over the previous 12 months. It is a tribute to everyone, he said, that the Centre is going forward and improving. He outlined on going need for extra volunteers.

MMC said forms for the charity commission had been completed.

He also thanked treasurer Janice Guest for her work during what was a challenging year with all the projects that had been completed.

Thanks too went to Mark Jones for his work on bookings.

Treasurer's report:

Janice confirmed the end of year accounts hadn't yet been completed. However, she had contacted auditor previously used and confirmed he would undertake the task at a future date.

Janice said updates would be sent once accounts were finalised. She confirmed over the previous 12 months there had been substantial financial outlay on the Centre's new windows costing £33,476.79.

A total of £10,000 was offset from a donation via the Boarshurst Trust. An amount of £18,000 was also transferred over from the reserve account. But outgoings outweighed income received.

However, window replacement was necessary and the committee was aware of the significant cost.

Janice also explained there were other large maintenance bills, including £1,550 for insulation above the dormitories. Lights were upgraded at a cost of £2,455.00 and chimney repairs cost a further £1,600.

Income received was £29,720 but expenditure was of £68, 688. On paper this accumulated to a loss of £38,967.

Janice asked if any volunteer had spreadsheet experience it would be beneficial to help complete accounts.

Secretary's report: Nothing to report.

Bookings:

Mark Jones said bookings were around the 40 nights mark: in 2023/24 there were 46 nights booked, 47 the following year before the figure dropped to 40 for the past 12 months.

However, he said on the positive side 23 nights were already confirmed, including four nights for October.

He said hire rates had remained static for a couple of years but suggested now was the time to increase, perhaps by £50 for each of the three groups.

Bookings already made would be held at current rates. MMc suggested hire fees rate be raised with a discretionary final say by bookings officer MJ. A 10 percent discount for Oldham based groups remains in place.

It was agreed the increase would start from April 1, 2026.

Election of officers:

Current officers, Mark McLoughlin (chairman), Janice Guest (Treasurer), Trevor Baxter (Secretary) were re-elected en bloc.

Ends..