



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 Jun 22 To 01 Jun 23

Charity name: Dickens Field Trust

Charity registration number: 1184385

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the CIO are to establish and run a Community facility incorporating a communal open space and a Children's play area for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Rothersthorpe, Northamptonshire without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.
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	Dickens Field officially opened on 25th Sep after the installation of children's play equipment funded in part by the community and grants obtained from local / national bodies.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have received the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers support is vital to the trust, both directly engaged in the development and management of the site and in raising funds. Volunteers have been involved in tree planting, hard landscaping, and local fund raising including assisting with the village dog show

		and fayre, a community barn dance and 'pub games' evening. Volunteers have provided feedback on play equipment and supported the initial set up and ongoing maintenance of the site infrastructure.
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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	A truly momentous year. After 12 years of effort, the Dickens Field was officially opened by Mrs Jennifer Dickens on 9th Oct 22. This followed final works by West Northants Council to install a 30m footpath connecting the field to the village, and work by the trust to install the site entrance, an 80m internal path and the children's play equipment. The site was temporarily closed over winter in order to allow the ground to recover, and re-opened in time for Easter. The site has been used extensively by the community and gained much praise particularly affording individuals of all ages to meet and enjoy the benefits of outside exercise.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The opening of the site, providing a community facility was primary in the trust's objectives. The trusts objectives now switch to site maintenance, and development in accordance with the communities wishes.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising, including the kind donation of materials, equipment and time from the community has ultimately seen the installation of circa £60k of children's play equipment and the laying / creation of an 80m internal path. With this objective met, fundraising efforts switch to providing funds to meet annual maintenance and running costs (Play equipment inspection, Insurance, grass cutting) with bespoke funding directed towards development in terms of additional benches and equipment to meet future needs.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Well met.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Funds @ Bank as of 31 Dec 22 - £1, 387 (including £300 reserve)</p> <p>Funds @ Petty Cash - £50</p> <p>Total assets - £1,437</p> <p>(Financial end of year is 31 Dec of each year)</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Section 23.2 of our constitution states that: The charity shall maintain a minimum of £300 within its accounts in order to ensure standard annual outgoings (i.e. insurance) can always be met.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£300
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Nil

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	As defined within the constitution. Via AGM.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dickens Field Trust
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1184385
Charity's principal address	c/o 12 Kislingbury Road, Rothersthorpe, Northampton, NN7 3HZ

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	Joanna Keay-Blyth	Chair	Whole period	n/a
2	Jeff Morphy	Vice Chair	Whole period	n/a
3	Andrew Johnson	Treasurer	Whole period	n/a
4	Jodie Johnson	Secretary	Whole period	n/a
5	John Morphy	Trustee	Whole period	n/a
6	Sharon Lord	Trustee	Whole period	n/a
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

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

n/a

Other optional information

The Trust would formally like to thank the following individuals / organisations for their support with either funds, materials or time which has enabled the creating of the site for use by the residents of Rothersthorpe and the wider community;

WNC
National Lottery
Post Code Lottery
Marathon (sports) funding
Tesco
Woodland Trust
Persimmon Homes

Barrett Homes

Vanquish Print

CBC Meats

Gavin East

John Sergeant

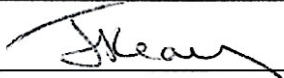
And of course the residents of Rothersthorpe Village.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

JOANNA KEAY-BLYTH	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

CHAIR	
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Date

11/10/23



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Charity Name Dickens Field Trust -	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2022	To	Period end date 12/31/2022
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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					
Amazon	26		-	26	-
Jess Pilates	370		-	370	-
Donation (J Bradley)	750		-	750	-
Johnson JM	12		-	12	-
Anrold Clark Automation		1,000	-	1,000	-
Wellington Pub	1,500		-	1,500	-
Persimmon Homes	1,000		-	1,000	-
Village Fund Raising Events	2,439		-	2,439	-
Matched funding (J Bradley)	773		-	773	-
WNC Funding (fence)	-	9,458	-	9,458	-
Just Giving	1,605	-	-	1,605	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,475	10,458	-	18,933	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Funds Carried over	7,076	37,833	-	44,909	
Reserve		300	-	300	-
Sub total	7,076	38,133	-	45,209	-
Total receipts	15,551	48,591	-	64,142	-
A3 Payments					
Solicitor (Deed of Variation)	620	-	-	620	-
Insurance	218	-	-	218	-
Final Condition removal (WNC)	144	-	-	144	-
Kompan (Play Equipment)	13,400	48,291	-	61,691	-
Path materials delivery	82	-	-	82	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,464	48,291	-	62,755	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,464	48,291	-	62,755	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,087	300	-	1,387	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,087	300	-	1,387	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	At Bank			-
	Petty Cash		-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Nil	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Nil		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Nil		-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Nil		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	