Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day01	Month04	Year2025		Day31	Month03	Year2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Saints (Brackley) Community Trust
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1195701
Charity's principal address	7 Bridgewater Rise, Brackley, Northamptonshire
Postcode	**NN13 6DA**

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	Caryl Billingham MBE	Chairman		
2	Allan Boyland		Resigned 4/10/2025	
3	Janene Butters			
4	Adrian Jones			
5	Janine Lay			
6	Ian Leask	Treasurer		
7	Stephen Toghill			
8	David Bridger		Appointed 5/10/2025	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
NOT APPLICABLE	

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)

NOT APPLICABLE

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	CO-OPTION

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees have considered a range of topics where a policy or formally adopted procedure may be appropriate. These have been documented in the minutes of a meeting of trustees, and formal policies are reviewed on a regular basis.

Observations and, where necessary, procedures have been discussed, stated and adopted by trustees.

All governance of the charity rests within this democratically adopted framework.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

i. Enabling and promoting community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of association football and other sports and activities capable of improving health (facilities being land and buildings) and wellbeing.

ii. Providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their age, infirmity, disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life.

iii. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society by facilitating weekly meetings in a convivial atmosphere in order to meet others and enjoy others' company with the provision of a meal and occasional entertainment.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	A major responsibility of this charity since it was established has been to acquire and manage funding to enable the Saints Community Project to continue to build on its success, thus offering its benefits to an increased number of people. The project offers a weekly Wednesday coffee morning with an optional lunch; there are occasional themed days and there are periodic outings (some destinations have been found to be more successful than others, and new venues are researched with careful consideration given to the demographics of the participants). The scheme is intended essentially to benefit the isolated, the lonely, the elderly and the vulnerable, all both able-bodied and disabled. There is ongoing work to promote sport within the community to promote health and wellbeing. We wish to encourage walking football for men and women, children to play sport at all levels, football for adult women. A substantial growth in the town's population has brought forth an increasing number of children and women who wish to play football, and the charity continues to seek funding to facilitate this for all at all levels. Additionally, during the financial year under review, the charity has recognised the lack of male role models, particularly in rural primary schools with low numbers on roll, and often where there is no permanent male adult presence in a household. The charity has secured funding to enable a Sports Development Officer to attend local schools where he sits and talks to children selected by the teaching staff, reads with them and often plays a game with them. These small groups of children have been seen to benefit to this interaction with an adult male in a non-threatening situation. The Trustees have at all times had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity has again been successful in obtaining substantial funding from the National League Trust to underwrite the Saints Community Project as detailed in an earlier section. Additional grant applications have this year also proved more successful, and there have been donations from both the local town council and the local unitary council to help funding.

The ongoing success of this project is evidenced by the increasing number of regular attendees who are elderly, lonely or isolated – or a combination of all three. Attendance at the Wednesday sessions is further boosted by the regular presence of local adults with learning disabilities who are supported through Solden Hill House care.

Additionally, the project manager has over the years established an excellent working relationship with many agencies meaning that the attendees benefit from regular advice and support from professionals such as local authority staff, social prescribers from GP surgeries, the police, schools and the local Mercedes Petronas business.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no debts and it therefore currently has no defined policy regarding reserves. Trustees are aware that grant funding can be notoriously fickle as demand increases, and they have this year been able to transfer a sum to a reserve deposit account which will help to futureproof the activities of the charity.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	C S Billingham	I J M Leask
Full name(s)	Caryl Suzanne Billingham MBE	Ian James MacEwen Leask
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer

Date	16 April 2026