

**EAST FARNDON AMENITIES TRUST**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 DECEMBER 2025**

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

**Name** East Farndon Amenities Trust

**Charity no** 1136925

**Address** 1 Rectory Court, East Farndon, Market Harborough, LE16 9SU

<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date appointed/ re-appointed</b>	<b>Date term ended</b>
	Sonya Fraser	31 December 2023	NA
	Richard Green	31 December 2023	8 May 2025
	Judith Hodgetts	8 May 2025	18 September 2025
	Jessica Oakden	8 May 2025	NA
	Melanie Duke	8 May 2025	NA
	Julia Prew	8 May 2025	NA
	Sharon Wheldon	8 May 2025	NA

**Bank** Lloyds Bank

**Insurer** Access Insurance until 6 October 2025, thereafter Zurich

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

East Farndon Amenities Trust ("EFAT") is a charitable trust ("Trust") governed by a trust deed dated 21 May 2010 and administered by the trustees.

On the creation of the Trust in May 2010, the trustees were appointed from residents of the village who support the objectives of EFAT (see below) and who were willing to act as trustees. Every trustee must be appointed or re-appointed for a period of three years by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting. Any eligible trustee may be re-appointed and there must be at least three trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Trust.

During the year ended 31 December 2025:

- Richard Green resigned as a trustee on 8 May;
- Judith Hodgetts and Jessica Oakden were re-appointed as trustees on 8 May for a further three year term. Judith Hodgetts resigned as trustee on 18 September;
- Melanie Duke, Julia Prew and Sharon Wheldon were appointed as trustees on 8 May for a three year term; and
- David Thake resigned as treasurer on 8 May; he was not a trustee.

Sonya Fraser's current three year term ends on 31 December 2026. The trustees extend their thanks to Richard Green and to David Thake for their significant contribution to EFAT since its creation.

The trustees must hold at least two meetings a year. At each meeting, the trustees elect one of the trustees to chair the meeting. No business may be conducted at a meeting of the trustees unless at least one-third of the total number of trustees at the time, or two trustees (whichever is greater), are present at the meeting. Decisions must be made by a majority of the trustees present and

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voting on the question, with trustees absenting themselves from any discussions in which it is possible that they will have a conflict of interest. The person chairing the meeting has a casting vote. Minutes must be kept of all meetings.

The trustees are required to take out insurance in respect of public and employer's liability.

All cheques and payments from the bank account are authorised by at least two trustees. The Trust's current account is with Lloyds Bank. As the cash balance is relatively low, the trustees do not currently have savings accounts or other investments.

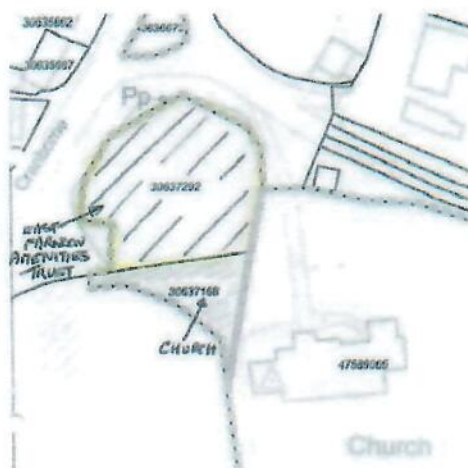
The Trust is not required to have an audit or independent examination of its Annual Report as its gross income is below £25,000. However, an independent examination is a condition of the Trust's new insurance arrangements. Prior to 7 October 2025 insurance was provided by Access Insurance. Following a review of risk and related insurance needs by the trustees, it was agreed to change insurer, and insurance has been provided by Zurich from 7 October 2025 including public liability and financial and administration cover.

The Trust is currently in the process of introducing policies and carrying out risk assessments following the changes in trustees during the year.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of EFAT are to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of East Fardon and the surrounding area 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 condition of life of the said inhabitants.

Fundraising by the local community in 2010 and 2011 led to the purchase for £20,000 of land registered at HM Land Registry under title number HN18568, commonly known by the inhabitants of East Fardon as Marriott Green ("Marriott Green"). Since 5 May 2011, Marriott Green has been owned by the Official Custodian for Charities on behalf of the trustees of EFAT. The land at the rear of Marriott Green, title number NN156583, is owned by the Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance, not EFAT, and the trustees have no responsibilities in relation to that land.



In addition to the land itself, the funds raised in 2010 and 2011 allowed EFAT to purchase fencing, gates, benches, a picnic table, a notice board and a replica of a water pump, as well as various trees,

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shrubs and other plants. Marriott Green is, in summary, a grassy area with a picnic table and benches, surrounded by trees and other plants.

During the period covered by this annual report, Marriott Green has been mainly used by the inhabitants of East Farndon and the public at large for walking, sitting and meeting others as well as for parking for services and events at the village church.

The trustees confirm they have had due regard to the public benefit guidance when making decisions during the year. EFAT's activities, namely the provision and maintenance of Marriott Green, directly benefit the public particularly as other public open spaces in the village are very limited. To further this benefit the trustees proposed to West Northants Council during the year that Marriott Green be included in the council's forthcoming new plan as a Local Green Space.

EFAT receives income from fundraising events and donations and uses the income to pay its costs as well as to build reserves for future costs. During the period of this annual report, its costs have been mainly mowing, insurance and general maintenance. Inhabitants of East Farndon assist with the upkeep of Marriott Green on a voluntary basis, including mowing and general maintenance of the assets, for which the trustees are very grateful.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The trustees have elected to prepare the accounts on a receipts and payments basis, not an accruals basis.

During the year, EFAT generated income of £1,310 (2024: £705), comprising fundraising events of £1,235 (2024: nil) and donations of £75 (2024: £705):

Fundraising income during 2025 comprised £965 from a bingo evening held in November and £270 from a raffle held during a quiz evening in March. The £965 income from the bingo evening included ticket income of £494, raffle proceeds of £200, bar income of £225 and donations of £46. The income from the bingo evening does not include the value of drinks donated by the Parish Council from its stock. The value of this donation is not known with certainty and is estimated at less than £50.

Donations of £75 during 2025 came from the village coffee mornings (2024: £500 one off donation from fete proceeds by the Parish Council, £146 from village coffee mornings and £59 from a talk by A Langley).

During the year, EFAT incurred expenditure of £1,617 (2024: £296), comprising costs incurred at the bingo evening held in November of £439 relating to the purchase of fish and chips, drinks and card machine fees, as well as mowing costs of £610, insurance of £548 and maintenance of £20 (2024: all costs related to insurance).

The mowing costs of £610 included £450 relating to mowing in 2024 but not invoiced until 2025, £160 relating to a mowing contract which ended in May 2025 as well as the purchase of a £100 gift token for R West who carried out the mowing after May 2025 on a voluntary basis.

Insurance costs included £608 paid to EFAT's previous insurer, Access, plus a refund of £463 received on cancellation of that policy, netting to £145, plus £403 paid to the new insurer, Zurich, whose policy runs until 6 October 2026.

The excess of payments over receipts for the year amounted to £308 (2024: excess of receipts over payments of £409). As stated above, the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis,

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not an accruals basis. The excess of payments over receipts for 2025 includes, as set out previously, certain mowing costs relating to 2024 as well as payment of an insurance premium where cover runs to October 2026. The trustees currently anticipate that, barring unexpected events, receipts should exceed payments during 2026.

As at 31 December 2025 cash amounted to £1,250 (2024: £1,558). This cash is unrestricted and represents the reserves of the Trust.

In addition to cash, the Trust continues to own the land, fencing, benches and other assets set out above. There is no requirement for the trustees to value these assets, and no valuation has been carried out since their acquisition. The trustees, after consideration, are not aware of pending invoices or commitments which will require payment, other than ongoing maintenance and insurance, and expect via fundraising to be in a position to settle these as and when they fall due.

The trustees have considered their policy on reserves and concluded that reserves should be maintained at level equal to two times the Trust's expected annual expenditure, plus known one off costs to be incurred within the next twelve months. Where reserves fall or are forecast to fall below this level or if the trustees become aware of a material cost likely to be incurred in the medium term, a plan of action to raise funds will be agreed as a matter of urgency. At the date of approval of this policy on 28 January 2026, the trustees recognise that reserves are close to this policy level and intend to increase reserves through fundraising over the next two years.

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<b>Receipts and payments</b>		
	<b>Year to 31 December 2025</b>	<b>Year to 31 December 2024</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations		
- Parish Council	0	500
- Coffee mornings	75	147
- Alan Langley talk	0	59
Fundraising receipts		
- Bingo evening 7 November 2025	965	0
- Raffle at quiz evening 15 March 2025	270	0
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>705</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Fundraising expenditure		
- Bingo evening 7 November 2025	(439)	0
Other payments		
- Mowing including thank you gift	(610)	0
- Chain and padlock	(20)	0
- Insurance	(548)	(296)
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>(1,617)</b>	<b>(296)</b>
<b>Excess of (payments over receipts)/receipts over</b>	<b>(308)</b>	<b>409</b>
<b>Cash funds at start of year</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>1,148</b>
<b>Cash funds as at date of report</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,558</b>

<b>Statement of assets and liabilities</b>		
	<b>As at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2024</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
- Cash funds	1,250	1,558
- Land, fencing, benches and other assets	NA	NA
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,558</b>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Date: 29 January 2026

MELANIE DUKE  
 Trustee

JESSICA OAKDEN.  
 Trustee