



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
for the financial year ended 30 June 2025

Structure Yelverton Community Projects is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (charity registration number 1177230). Its registered address is 12 Willowy Park, Yelverton, PL20 6AN. Its objectives are:

“To relieve the needs of the elderly and to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the civil parishes of Buckland Monachorum and Burrator 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.”

It currently has three operating arms: YelverCare, Yelverton Cinema and Yelverton Play Park. Trustees are responsible for the overall management of the charity and separate committees exist to support each of the three operating arms.

Trustees There are a maximum of ten trustees. The following have served throughout the last financial year:

Ric Cheadle - Chairman
Fiona Burbage - Secretary
Tony Chilvers -Treasurer
Mike Pike - Yelvercare Manager
Graham Brown - Play Park Manager
Maddy Carr - Charity Commission link & Play Park Lottery
Chris Taylor - Insurance
Sarah Dean - Cinema Manager
Darren Foley - Website & Design
Andrew Thomas

Recruiting of trustees is done in a way that maintains a three part structure. Three trustees are Officers, three trustees are the nominee of each of the three operating arms and four trustees are “non-executive” trustees. The trustees responsible for the three operating arms are:

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| Mike Pike | YelverCare |
| Sam Whitehead | Yelverton Cinema |
| Graham Brown | Yelverton Play Park |

Chairman's Annual Report 2025

Once again, I have the pleasure of reporting on the Charity's activities. Yelvercare has continued to provide assistance to those within the community who request it through its network of volunteers who both man the phone line to receive requests for help and step up to deliver the range of services required. Yelvercare tasks now number around XX each month and a total mileage of over XXX miles. The Lunch Club continues to be popular and the charity is fortunate indeed to have such a willing team to make it so. All charities are finding it difficult to maintain volunteer numbers and Yelverton Community Projects is no exception. That said, it has been rare that we have not been able to meet the requests from those who need our services.

The Cinema continues to put on a programme of 'recent releases' and host the popular option for those attending to bring food & drink to have before the screening. Attendance varies and the volunteer team are always looking to select those films likely to attract the largest audiences.

The Play Park continues to be immensely popular. The project to rejuvenate the toddler area within the park, completed in 2024 has been a real success and plans are in place to install an inclusive roundabout, with funding provided by the Mason's Mark Fund, these monies being received in August 2025. The park is now around 30 years old and some of the original wooden equipment is reaching the end of its useful life. We have been fortunate to have secured funding by way of a local legacy to replace the swings without dipping into our reserves and this will be done before Christmas 2025. The annual play park inspection was completed with only minor issues to attend to and volunteers from Babcock have agreed to paint the surrounding fence and pupils from Mount Kelly school assist with keeping the park tidy.

So the Charity remains in 'good shape' thanks again to our wonderful volunteers and Trustees.

Financial review

The accounts for the year show total funds standing at £75,783 which is an increase of £31,223 mainly due to the receipt of the local legacy; this, along with the Mason's Mark Fund, will enable us to finance the two major installations scheduled for late 2025.

Within YelverCare there was a surplus of £3,292 which was slightly lower than the previous year as there were more winter meals provided free of charge than in the previous year. The cinema had a deficit of £315 as there were fewer attendees at the films shown. The lottery continues to provide a surplus of over £2,000 but Trustees have been tasked to recruit more participants.

It is recognised that a charity should not hold unnecessary reserves. However, the play park will require substantial refurbishment costs in due course and it is the policy of the Trustees to hold sufficient reserves to cover those costs without having to depend on external sources of funding. Trustees review the level of reserves every year in June and decided to maintain a contingency reserve of £5,000 in YelverCare, £5,000 in Yelverton Cinema and £30,000 in Yelverton Play Park.

Conclusion

The charity remains in good shape but with known risks as volunteers are difficult to attract and future funding (of play park equipment) will only be possible if funding applications are successful