

Maud

Pleasure Park Committee

Principle Address: Valdon, Victoria Road, Maud AB42 4NP

Secretary: The Manse, Bank Road, Maud AB42 4NQ

OSCR Annual Report July 2026

Introduction

Maud Pleasure Park Committee have been busy providing recreational facilities to our village. Ensuring it is maintained and developed to ensure they benefit the local community and visitors to our area.

About the Charity

Name: Maud Pleasure Park Committee
Charity Number: SC049641

The charity is run by the following volunteer trustees. Trustees are volunteers from the local community and are appointed at the annual AGM, a little later than usual on 7th July 2026.

Louise Cran	Chairperson
Val Pratt	Vice-chairperson
Katharine O'Connor	Secretary
Alan Mathers	Treasurer

Along with other committed members of the community who attend meetings and help with the running, maintenance, and fundraising.

Main Activities

We have continued to meet regularly to manage the park and public toilets and discuss how we can keep the area maintained and well attended.

The park is used regularly by Maud Juniors Football Club, who maintain and develop their football pitch and pavilion. They hold regular training, matches and hospitality events. Maud Kids Football also use the park weekly, from April until October, for their training and run an annual gala, welcoming other primary school-aged teams for a competition. This year the gala also included netball and drew neighbouring schools to compete. Maud School made use of the athletics area throughout the summer term, in preparation for their sports day and competing in the Buchan Athletics event.

Many local playgroups and nurseries use the area for trips.

The bowling club pavilion has been very busy but requires some attention after some recent stormy weather. Rainbows, Brownies and Guides use it for their weekly meeting place and venue for training and group meetings. They continue to kindly do rubbish collections, dog bag receptacles, signs and more and we have been very grateful for their help. They also hosted an event for the Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Week.

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We have held holiday clubs in the bowling club pavilion, primarily to use the putting green we developed on half of the bowling green (not being used by the Bowling Club itself) and we offer putting, pool, table tennis, games, colouring, tuck shop and more. Attendance can vary due to the weather, but we've only had good feedback from those who have attended.

The Bowling Club meet regularly, as do a croquet club who use the croquet green.

We made the decision to hand the public toilets back to the council, due to not finding anyone to clean and open them. We are waiting on a convenient time for the council to collect the keys.

The renovated playpark continues to be a success. It seems to entertain a wide range of ages and as mentioned is used as a venue for local playgroups and nurseries on their trips as it is fully enclosed and provides a space for picnics and play and we can offer the toilets at the football club pavilion to be opened for their visits.

A major highlight of the year was the Pleasure Park Centenary Celebration, held as a Family Fun Day to mark 100 years of the park, followed by an exhibition of news articles and a quiz which spread the celebrations out over 2 weeks. The fun day brought together the local community and attracted several hundred visitors throughout the day and was officially opened by a 100-year-old resident. A wide range of activities and entertainment was provided for families of all ages, with support from local businesses, volunteers and community groups, helping to create a fantastic atmosphere. The events were not only a wonderful celebration of the park's history and its importance to the village, but also a significant fundraising success, raising over £3000 towards the ongoing maintenance and future development of the park. The committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered, donated, sponsored activities or attended the event, making the centenary celebration such a memorable and successful occasion.

Finances

As mentioned already, we had great success with the centenary celebrations, raising over £3000.

We kicked off this year's fundraising with an open day for the putting sessions on July 5th – Tea, Traybakes and Tee-Off – and were pleased to raise over £500. Our treasurer was a great sport in allowing us to “soak the treasurer” and we're sure this boosted the income!

Future Plans

Some render came off the front of the bowling club in some storms earlier this year and will need to be repaired. However, with the age of the building we must look at other aspects which need repair and

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evaluate how we need to proceed. We are arranging quotes not just for repair, but also rebuild will have to see what grants are available and let this determine our decisions.

The football club replaced half the fence, and we will be looking at seeing if we can continue this down the full length of the park, replacing the old fence which has a hedge growing through it.

Achievements

Maud Pleasure Park Committee have kept up with our communication to the village and local community via Facebook; updating our situation when needed. This has led to several events being booked and taking place in the park. We meet regularly and ask for input from everyone where needed. We continue to work towards a united aim of a recreational facility open to all the local community and visitors to our area.

Conclusion

As always, we are grateful to everyone in our community who donates their time to help the committee deliver our aims, and provide advice, support and information as we do our work to manage a vital community resource.

Approved by the Trustees of Maud Pleasure Park Committee.

Signed: K. O'Connor

Date: 8th July 2026

Secretary
Maud Pleasure Park Committee