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Counting down to Trustees' Week 3-7 November 2025

Trustees' Week is an annual celebration of the incredible impact made by you and your fellow trustees - including the nearly one million trustees from across the UK.

Get involved by signing up to a wide range of events across the week, which support trustees with themes such as how to build your confidence, navigate crisis and approach risk. Your charity can also get involved by downloading creative posts from our digital toolkit to share across your comms channels.

[Visit the Trustees' Week website \(https://trusteesweek.org/?utm_source=TW_CCNEWS&utm_medium=CC_NEWS&utm_campaign=TW_2025&utm_id=TW_2025\)](https://trusteesweek.org/?utm_source=TW_CCNEWS&utm_medium=CC_NEWS&utm_campaign=TW_2025&utm_id=TW_2025)

Key risks facing charities – new report

Last month we published the first annual Charity Sector Risk Assessment, produced to support trustees and charity leaders to understand the risk landscape and support their decision making. Drawing on a range of data and intelligence from annual returns and our casework, it identifies systemic risks such as to financial resilience and to public benefit. We encourage charities to consider the report as they review their own risks. It signposts a range of our relevant guidance to support you.

[Read the charity sector risk assessment 2025 report \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charity-sector-risk-assessment-2025\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charity-sector-risk-assessment-2025)

Support managing your finances

With growing evidence of financial pressures across the sector, our financial management guidance is here to support you. Finances are the responsibility of all trustees, not just the treasurer, and it's important to be prepared for any situations that may arise. We've pulled together a range of tools and resources to give you practical support including checklists, relevant guidance and a financial health checker.

[Trustee Finance Toolkit \(https://beingacharitytrustee.campaign.gov.uk/trustee-finance-toolkit/?utm_source=ccnews&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ffocus&utm_id=oct25\)](https://beingacharitytrustee.campaign.gov.uk/trustee-finance-toolkit/?utm_source=ccnews&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ffocus&utm_id=oct25)

SORP – the charity accounting rules

Ahead of the publication of the new Charity SORP 2026, which is expected later this month, the [SORP-making body has published an update blog \(https://charitycommission.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/02/reflections-on-the-consultation-for-the-charities-sorp-2026-from-the-charities-sorp-making-body/\)](https://charitycommission.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/02/reflections-on-the-consultation-for-the-charities-sorp-2026-from-the-charities-sorp-making-body/).

It also wants to remind charities that they need to get ready for some critical changes to requirements that are being introduced to the UK accounting standard that will apply to those producing SORP accounts.

New Code of Fundraising Practice

The Fundraising Regulator's new Code of Fundraising Practice comes into effect on 1 November 2025. The revised code is clearer, more flexible and better suited to modern fundraising. To support organisations in applying the new code, they have published a set of [support guides \(https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/code/code-2025\)](https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/code/code-2025). To find out more about the key responsibilities for trustees and how the new code interacts with the work of the Charity Commission, sign up for the Fundraising Regulator's webinar on 6 November 2025.

[Sign up for the webinar \(https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W-yyxiOoR_O8XNKp38Q1-g#/registration\)](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W-yyxiOoR_O8XNKp38Q1-g#/registration)

Reminders

Annual Returns – make sure you are prepared ahead of your charity’s filing deadline. Read our guidance on how to [submit your annual return \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-annual-return\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-annual-return). You can [sign in to the online service to file your annual return \(https://my-charity-account.charitycommission.gov.uk/sign-in\)](https://my-charity-account.charitycommission.gov.uk/sign-in).

Date for your diary – [Charity Fraud Awareness Week \(https://preventcharityfraud.org.uk/awareness-week/\)](https://preventcharityfraud.org.uk/awareness-week/) 8-12 December 2025.

