

Wingham Recreation Ground

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended March 31st 2022

The Wingham Recreation Ground

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Charity Information

Trustees	Ian Pettman Gary Watkins
Chair	Ian Pettman
Committee Members	Bettina Braun Adam Cork Paul Cork (Deputy Chair) Russell Graydon (Parish Council) David Rothschild (Treasurer) Emma Shaw (Secretary) Gary Watkins Charley Watkins Rupert Williamson
Address	The Pavilion Wingham Recreation Ground Goodnestone Road Wingham CT3 1AR
Independent Reviewer	Andy Joiner

About The Recreation Ground & Club

The organisation was registered with the Charity Commission in 1964 with the principal goal of:

'Promoting the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Wingham, Kent and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said Inhabitants.'

The management committee is formed of: the chairman, a treasurer and secretary, a Parish Council representative, two members of the public selected at the Annual Parish Assembly and representatives from the various groups who use the facilities of the Recreation ground ie: Football, Cricket, Tennis, Bat&Trap, darts etc.

Funds are largely generated from membership subscriptions to our Sports and Social Club and sales through the bar in the Pavilion. This is all run by volunteers, we have no paid staff. The Pavilion is open to sports clubs using the village and has changing rooms and showers.

Trustees Report

The impact of Covid was material at the start of our year in April 2021 and the effects were still lingering at the end of summer. Many sports simply didn't get off the ground even when restrictions were lifted. Despite this, we believe that we have stayed true to the objectives set for us in 1964. We thank the committee for their service for the year.

On the other hand, the grounds continued to be well used by the public. These are looked after and maintained by the contractors Harmen and Harmen which means that they are kept to a high standard. This year a couple of trees had to be felled on advice due to disease. The grounds are used by many during the whole year, by families and children using the play area and the sporting sides, with cricket and bat and trap in the summer and football in the winter. We find that many people come from further afield not just Wingham itself. We also welcome many dog owners and we do welcome them but we suffer from the perennial problem of dog foul not being cleaned up by irresponsible owners. This is particularly unpleasant for the sports people and spectators who have to be careful on the grass. We really need to find a solution but it alludes us and many like us.

We have had no specific incidents of vandalism to the club house and only a few minor incidents on the grounds such as lighting of fires and littering. However, due to unsocial behaviour reported to the Parish Council over the last few years the Parish Council with the consent from the management committee have placed two CCTV cameras at the recreation ground which are monitored 24/7 for any anti-social behaviour or any other abnormal behaviour in and around the grounds.

We are particularly conscious of expenses as prices rise. In the year we have had to increase prices and almost certainly will need to do so again, we only have to hope that this doesn't impact our takings too severely. Too add to this worry our membership is down, our Sunday football side folded early in the season with a loss to us of £500 in membership fees and takings behind the bar. We were fortunate to be able to secure two new football teams to use the pitch and bar facilities later in the season.

Bookings for the hire of the club are rather slack and we hope that we may be able to increase usage, particularly in summer months. We are keen to encourage more sports to use our facilities.

Maintenance expenses have been rising, we had to replace some shutters and repair some of the roofing. The expense of keeping our water heating compliant with LP08 regulations. (avoidance of legionella) We will be looking to replace our boiler which should reduce both gas costs and satisfy most of the LP08 requirements without further expense. We will shortly be updating our electrics, again to conform to statutory requirements. Our pool table has now got new felt and side cushions for the pool players.

During the Covid lock down track and trace data was recorded in line with Government guidelines, we have now removed all of people's data and shredded all info.

The club as we all know rely heavily on voluntary workers to assist with the running of the club which helps in keeping our profits in good shape without them we couldn't function as a club its much appreciated.

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Thanks to the generosity of the Dover District Council and the Wingham Parish council what could have been a disastrous year has actually been reasonable. The Sports and Social Club, closed for much of the year, received Covid grants from the DDC which enabled it to pay the expenses of running the pavilion. Additionally, we received £1,300 from our Parish Council to help with the recreation ground itself.

Cumulatively, we have been able to enhance our building fund which we hope to use to extend the club house and offer women's changing facilities and possibly other community benefits.

We must be grateful to various people and organisations who donated their time and money to helping keep these costs down. A local firm paid for a re-vamp of the car park, Russell Graydon helped with hedge maintenance and Ian and Aaron Pettman did a lot of work on fencing.

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Independent Examiners Report For the Year Ended 31st March 2022

I, the undersigned, have examined the attached Financial Activities accounts together with the statements of assets and liabilities and in my opinion they present a true and fair view of the accumulated funds as of 31st March 2022 and of the transactions for the year ended on that date.

Dated: 3rd December 2022.

Signed: A.S. Fowler

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Wingham Recreation Club Financial Activities

April 2021 - March 2022 £

	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Apr 2020 - Mar 2021
Bar sales	16,099	9,254
Donations and legacies	1,781	2,245
Games Machines Revenue	469	216
Sales of Equipment	530	
Total Income	18,879	11,714
Bar Equipment maintenance	2,305	603
Card Fees	174	100
Stock for Resale	8,153	4,730
Subscriptions and Licences	609	619
Telecoms	484	449
Total Cost of Sales	11,726	6,501
Gross Income	7,154	5,213
Cleaning	214	92
Club House Health and Safety	990	1,076
Club House Insurance	394	383
Club House Repairs & Maintenance	2,113	1,087
Electricity	1,023	920
Gas	634	647
Office/ Administrative Expenses	184	37
Printing, Postage and Stationery	26	
Software subscriptions	146	
Supplies	10	772
Water		660
Club House Expenses	5,734	5,674
Ground Maintenance	631	840
Recreation Ground Insurances	393	383
Rent & Rates	83	1
Recreation Ground Expenses	1,108	1,224
Total Expenditures	6,842	6,898
Net Operating Income	312	-1,685
Club Grants	10,667	10,000
Recreation Ground Grants	1,300	1,200
Interest earned	4	9
Other Income	11,971	11,209
Net Income	12,283	9,523

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Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2022 £

	As of Mar 31, 2022	As of Mar 31, 2021
Tangible assets		
Bar Equipment	1727	1235
Furniture and Fixtures	3619	3619
Total Fixed Asset	5345	4853
 Cash at bank and in hand	 53176	 40133
Stock	1227	700
Net current assets	54403	40833
 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors	1666	220
Accruals	248	0
Committee Expenses	86	0
 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	 1999	 220
 Net current assets	 52403	 40612
 Total assets less current liabilities	 57749	 45466
 Total net assets	 57749	 45466
 Charity funds		
Opening Balance Equity	36132	36132
Retained Earnings	9334	-190
Surplus/(Deficit)	12283	9523
Total Charity funds	57749	45466

Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements

1) Tangible Assets

Prior years have not incorporated any depreciation of assets – this will commence in the year to March 2023 but the organisation is confident that the current valuation is a true reflection of market value.

2) Cash at Banks

The sum includes £40,069 of funds ring-fenced for pavilion expansion.

