

THE OWEN HARRIS MEMORIAL GROUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1013643

Details

Other names OHMG

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1992-08-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A RECREATION GROUND AND COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE OF MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: Providing Sports & Leisure facilities in the parish of Eastington

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF EASTINGTON
- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£24,775	£17,454	-	-
2024-01-31	£25,401	£25,187	-	-
2023-01-31	£24,078	£21,787	-	-
2022-01-31	£26,228	£18,310	-	-
2021-01-31	£26,833	£26,140	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR J MORRIS	Chair	
ANDREW ROBERT COZENS		
Graeme George Dougan		2015-09-29

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Snakey Lane, Eastington, Gloucestershire, GL10 3AQ

MINUTES OF AGM FOR YEAR 2023/2024

HELD AT OWEN HARRIS MEMORIAL GROUND, EASTINGTON 22nd OCTOBER 2024

Trustees: Present at Meeting:

John Morris - Chair of Trustees (JM), Andrew Cozens -Treasurer (AC)

Committee Members: Martin Elliott, Tom Hawtin (TH), Anthea McCann (AM)

Muriel Bullock - Eastington Parish Council, Donna & Jen (Playgroup)

Apologies from: Graeme Dougan, Jorja Hawtin, Ben Ittyvirah, Roger Beese (Cricket), & Joanne Firth Bernard (Zumba)

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

The chairman opened the meeting, and presented his report to the meeting for the year ended 31st January 2023. Following the resignation of Brian Wright we are still short of user group representatives on the committee, and we would also welcome new Trustees and need to expand the age demographic. Most of the current Trustees have been in post since the Charity was originally founded. John spoke about the availability of grant funding and the reliance that we have on volunteer input for maintenance of the hall & field. The building was repainted in the Summer of 2023 and needs doing every 3-4 years. The fencing around the building still requires attention. He expressed the need to maintain momentum, and to try to identify local contractors who would be willing to help with building and maintenance

Playgroup are the main users of the hall on a day to day basis, with various other group using the hall in the evenings, and strong one off bookings at weekends.

Trustees were voted in for another year, with no changes to offices held. The Chairman expressed thanks for the support they have received from the Management Committee, and from the Hall and Field user groups.

The items highlighted were:

- PR – greater publicity on activities
- Articles in Newsletter
- The need to strengthen Trustees
- Expanding the Contractors available to help at the hall

On behalf of the committee he extended thanks to Nigel Shuster for his help with Accounts Examination

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TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer presented his report to the meeting. The financial statement was provided to the meeting. He highlighted the major costs during the year. These were £2500 for new shutter motors, £4300 for painting the hall, and £495 for replacement of carpets in one of the meeting rooms.

There were slight increases in Insurance & Water charges.

PRS charges were reduced - AC & AM worked to separate out the costs relevant to field use only which had not been 'factored out' quite so diligently in previous years.

It was agreed that we needed to monitor the cleaning service provided by the new contractors.

JM raised the question of price review for users of the hall. TH & AM confirmed that in line with the agreement in 2022, we are able to consider a review in 2025.

The Current & Deposit accounts remains steady.

Acceptance of the Accounts proposed from Chair (JM) and seconded by TH

Financial Examiner Nigel Shuster, passed by Committee, and expression of thanks to NS for his input.

Trustees are willing to continue in post.

There are also vacant positions for Trustees from Playgroup, Football and Cricket.

Re-election of Trustees proposer AM, 2nd TH

The Chairman thanked, the committee for their ongoing work, and all other for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

			2024
			Unrestricted
			Fund
			£
RECEIPTS	Charitable activities		
	Lettings	Field	3,454
		Pavillion	21,449
	Voluntary receipts		
	Donations & grants		0
	Activities for generating funds		
	Bar sales and hire		0
	Repayable loans		
	C Bullock Trust		0
	Loan repayment		
	Stroud Football Club		0
	Investment income		
	Deposit income		498
	Total receipts		25,401
PAYMENTS	Charitable activities		
	Building maintenance		8,325
	Field maintenance		2,756
	Insurance		1,283
	Water		504
	Electricity		1,219
	Kerosene/gas		1,500
	Cleaning		4,944
	Alarms, health & safety		909
	Licences, office & other		3,747
	Total		25,187
	Activities for generating funds		
	Bar purchases		0
	Staff		0
	Total		0
	Other payments		
	Building additions		0
	Equipment additions		0
	Donations		0
	Loan repayment		0
	Total payments		25,187
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS			214
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND at 1 February 2023			33,674
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND at 31 January 2024			33,888

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

At 31 December:

	<u>2024</u>
	Unrestricted
	Fund
	£
CASH FUNDS	
Bank current account	6,995
Deposit account	26,893
Cash in hand	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>33,888</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	
Loan to Stroud Football Club	0
Bar stock	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>
ASSETS FOR CHARITABLE USE	
Community Centre	601,775
Equipment	<u>15,246</u>
Total	<u>617,021</u>
LIABILITIES	
Loan from C Bullock Trust	<u>0</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER' S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE OWEN HARRIS MEMORIAL GROUND CHARITY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Owen Harris Memorial Ground Charity for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act, or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records, or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: N Y Souster

Eastington

23 December 2024

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**OWEN HARRIS MEMORIAL GROUND
CHARITY**

(Registered Charity Number 1013643)

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

**Years ending 31st January 2020
31st January 2021**

Trustees' Report Years Ended January 2020 & 2021

Public Benefit Statement

The Charity exists to:

Provide and maintain a recreation ground and community and social centre for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

The 'area of benefit' is the Parish of Eastington, Gloucestershire.

Reference and Administrative Details

- **Constitution**

The Owen Harris Memorial Ground Charity was formally registered in January 1992 under a joint scheme with The Eastington Village Hall, reference T 14(S)/92.

The Owen Harris Memorial Ground Charity is currently constituted under a scheme registered on 14th June 2006 by The Charity Commissioners for England and Wales under the power given in the Charities Act 1993. This scheme will govern the charity known as THE OWEN HARRIS MEMORIAL GROUND (1013643) at Eastington, Gloucestershire, reference N112(S).

- **Registered Charity Number**

1013643

- **Registered Address**

Eastington Community Centre, Owen Harris Memorial Ground
c/o Mrs A McCann
Snakey Lane
Eastington
Stonehouse
Gloucestershire
GL10 3AQ

- **Trustees**

The current trustees in alphabetical order are:

Mr A R Cozens - Treasurer

Mr Graeme Dougan
Mr W R Harris
Mr J Morris – Chair of Trustees

Mr A Wills resigned in Spring 2020
Mr A Bomberg resigned in 2021

The elected trustees are elected or re-elected annually at the annual general meeting.

All Trustees are directed to the documents concerning the responsibilities of Trustees as published by the Charity Commission, particularly the 'Essential Trustee'. The Trustees are aware of support available from the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) and avail themselves of their expertise as required.

- **Independent Examiner of Accounts**

Nigel Souster FCA
Dower Cottage
Millend
Eastington,
GL10 3AT.

- **Banking**

Lloyds PLC, 12 Rowcroft, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 3BD
Coventry Building Society, High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire,
GL10 2NG

Recruiting Trustees

There are vacancies for up to four more trustees. The Trustees are actively seeking further trustees for appointment at the next AGM.

Structure and Governance and Management

- **Governing document**

The Owen Harris Memorial Ground Charity is governed in accordance with The Charity Commissioners Scheme, case reference 532912

- **Trustee Committee**

The Trustee Committee should consist of four elected members together with three appointed members and up to two co-opted members.

Elected members are elected at the Annual General Meeting. The term of office for elected members will end at the annual general meeting following the date on which they came into office.

'Members of the Committee' are the Managing Trustees of the charity.

Every matter must be decided by majority decision of the members present and voting at a duly convened meeting of the committee. The Chairman of the meeting may cast a second or casting vote only if there is a tied vote.

The Trustee Committee hold at least two meetings per year and most of the trustees regularly attend the monthly Management Committee meetings.

- **Management Committee**

The 'Management Committee' is responsible for the day to day running of the charity and is answerable to the Trustee Committee. Properly convened meetings are held bi-monthly and a proper record of its meetings are retained by the secretary or another suitable person appointed by the committee to do so.

The Management Committee comprises:

Mr M Cousins - Chair

Mrs A McCann - Secretary to the Management Committee

Mr M Elliot

Mr T Hawting - Centre Manager

Ms J May - Bookings Clerk

Mr B Ittyavirah - IT

Mrs A Ittyavirah

During 2019 Vanessa resigned as booking clerk, and this role was simplified reallocated to Gill & Mark. Since new Committee Members have been recruited this role has now been taken by Jorja looking after one off users, and Anthea managing regular user bookings. Maintaining the bar on an occasional basis was proving difficult to staff, and Gill wished to resign the bar manager role. The bar was decommissioned and can be reinstated at a future date when demand and staff availability permit. Thanks to Vanessa and Gill for their contribution

The high level windows have been repaired and the surfacing of the driveway has continued. Sapling trees have been planted in one corner of the field by arrangement of Graeme Dougan with Eastington Primary School parents and pupils

- **Risk Management**

The Committee actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis. The financial viability of the charity is the major risk and accounts are examined by the committee on a bi-monthly basis.

User Involvement

Please note, the Management Committee and Trustees operate an open invitation to users to attend the bi-monthly meetings to raise and discuss matters of mutual interest to ensure the safe and successful operation of community and sporting activities.

In March 2020 the building and field were closed to all users due to the Covid19 Pandemic. Some users came back in June with Playgroup and other users later. Covid19 guidelines and protocols were followed, and a grant for the loss of income was well received.

While the building was closed the opportunity to redecorate the main hall was taken as well as ongoing maintenance issues being dealt with.

At the 2020 rent review it was agreed to largely maintain current user charges to attract/retain regular use of the hall, other rooms and the playing field.

During 2020, with lettings income reduced by half there has been stricter control of expenditure. The Management Committee & Trustees kept in contact by email for meetings. Later in the year the hall was again restricted to Playgroup, and restrictions continued into 2021

Thanks are due to Gill Glover as Centre Manager and the rest of the Finance/Management for continuing the operation and maintaining the building during the difficulties of 2020/2021

The organisation has maintained its financial balance during the past two years at a similar level as pre Covid, and is therefore well placed for renewal in the future.

The committee welcomes input from regular and occasional users of the facilities as to how we can continue to improve the site for the enjoyment of those in the area of benefit. All users of the site and centre are encouraged to attend the quarterly Management Committee meetings to this end. We are always keen to welcome new members to the management committee and trustees. Anyone wishing to contribute to the running or improving of the centre will be very welcome.

OHMGC will continue to maintain and improve the centre and to work to attract new regular and occasional users.

John Morris
Chair of Trustees

OWEN HARRIS MEMORIAL GROUND CHARITY

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

		2020	2021
		Unrestricted	Unrestricted
		Fund	Fund
		£	£
RECEIPTS	Charitable activities		
	Lettings Field	2,633	2,159
	Pavillion	25,428	12,025
	Voluntary receipts		
	Donations & grants	3,364	10,553
	Activities for generating funds		
	Bar sales and hire	16,407	1,906
	Repayable loans		
	C Bullock Trust	0	0
	Loan repayment		
	Stroud Football Club	0	0
	Investment income		
	Deposit income	110	190
	Total receipts	47,942	26,833
PAYMENTS	Charitable activities		
	Building maintenance	17,961	4,689
	Field maintenance	1,314	2,030
	Insurance	1,092	1,098
	Water	344	313
	Electricity	1,893	54
	Kerosene/gas	1,087	1,465
	Cleaning	3,396	2,327
	Alarms, health & safety	1,982	1,730
	Licences, office & other	5,607	6,025
	Total	34,676	19,731
	Activities for generating funds		
	Bar purchases	6,525	832
	Staff	3,852	517
	Total	10,377	1,349
	Other payments		
	Building additions	0	2,735
	Equipment additions	0	825
	Donations	0	0
	Loan repayment	1,500	1,500
	Total payments	46,553	26,140
	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	1,389	693
	CASH AT BANK & IN HAND at 1 February 2020	21,383	22,772
	CASH AT BANK & IN HAND at 31 January 2021	22,772	23,465

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

At 31 December:

	2020	2021
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Fund	Fund
	£	£
CASH FUNDS		
Bank current account	11,621	12,416
Deposit account	10,859	11,049
Cash in hand	292	0
Total	22,772	23,465
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Loan to Stroud Football Club	0	0
Bar stock	893	0
	893	0
ASSETS FOR CHARITABLE USE		
Community Centre	599,040	601,775
Equipment	14,421	15,246
Total	613,461	617,021
LIABILITIES		
Loan from C Bullock Trust	1,500	0

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE OWEN HARRIS MEMORIAL GROUND CHARITY

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2021 which are set out on the attached page.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration any unusual items or disclosures in the account, and seeking explanations from the Members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Nigel Souster
Eastington, GL10 3AT

29 November 2021