

Trustees' Report.

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

For all use of the word clubs it should be taken as meaning any club, activity or association using the Trust facilities.

During this financial year the trustees looked to a plan of necessary maintenance and investment for energy reduction. These were financed from income, local grant, and extension of Mast Lease term. The standard running costs and maintenance have been financed by income from facilities hire. (Club and hall hire). The grant which was very kindly give by the local Wright Fund paid for the annual inspection of the Children's play area and necessary maintenance of the facility. This facility is available free of charge to local residents making the grant from The Wright Fund very welcome.

Extension of the period of the Mast land lease, and a move to AP Wireless brought a lump sum of £45,000 less legal costs, into the Trusts funds. This money was put into investment for the future. Making the Centre building more Green and energy efficient by installing solar panels and air source heating. The savings of this work will take 2 – 3 years to see accurate all round figures but early indications are that electricity needing to be taken from the grid will be one third down, and the Centre is now pleasant to use at all times. Export of excess energy production during summer months will be looked at when current contract with British Gas expires.

Financial difficulties faced by clubs has diminished as membership numbers return to pre-pandemic numbers. With most clubs finding necessary charges sustainable. There remain clubs for the younger members of the community which are unable, at the time of this report, to meet full hire costs. These groups are being subsidised until September 2024 to enable them to build up numbers. The position will be reviewed in August 2024 and a decision made on their financial contribution going forward.

The Tennis club funds held last year have been returned to them.

Trustees are taking on more duties concerned with the maintenance of both the centre and the outside facilities. These are all unpaid for which they should be thanked. External volunteers have been looked for but with the exception of one or two people who give a great deal of time and effort for which the Trustees give great thanks and appreciation finding volunteers from within the village is proving difficult on an ongoing basis, it is hoped that as new people move into the village's new developments they will become involved in not only Centre but all village activities.

Meeting of the Membership Committee has proved to be unnecessary on a regular basis with clubs preferring to directly access the Trustees with regard to their own activities and issues, and the option of a general meeting being called when specific issues covering them all arises. The Constitution of the Trust continues to be looked at with a view to modernising and being representative of current village clubs, activities, associations and residents as this has not been done since the original set up in 1948. Progress on this working with the Charities Commission is ongoing.

A year of maintaining financial prudence is planned for next year with essential work being undertaken along with improvement work which can be supported from income whilst leaving a reserve of £10,000 minimum.

The prices agreed with clubs as an interim has been shown to be adequate and further discussion is not expected to be necessary until the end of 2024-25, by which time the effect of the investment in Solar and Air Source should be able to be accurately assessed.

Looking forward longer term, the trustees are still looking into improvements to changing facilities and provision of all-weather facilities to enhance the Trust's offering to disabled, elderly, female, and the young people of the village and surrounding area. Grants for possible options will be looked into for these and applications made for S106 contributions. There are also plans to assist children unable to access the internet at home, and for provision of internet facilities for elderly people who do not have a service and feel they would like some assistance with online activities, e.g. car insurance, attendance allowance, facetime.

The trust had not historically run its own events. Trials of some events were carried out with varying levels of success. In general it was found that running events in association with another village charity did not financially cover both to a level of being sensible to continue, however the Trust will continue to look at various options for running its own events when these appear to have a benefit outweighing the cost. It will also run an annual event for the mid-age group (7 – 13) who are under represented by activities in the village and surrounds.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S. Taylor'. The 'S' is large and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. The 'Taylor' is written in a cursive script.

Susan Taylor
Treasurer and Trustee

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

Account
number

210168
102550
766808
7102018

Sort Code: 30-96-23 Accounts Number: 210168

As at end	Mar-23	Total in bank	£	20,584.25
ADD Deposits				
Credit Main Account			£	69,260.15
	Credit Main account income	£	20,875.19	
	Credit Main Account transfers from other accounts	£	48,384.96	
	Credit grant account		£	1,432.74
	Credit Kitchen account		£	2,618.99
	Credit deposit account		£	44,415.51
Sub-Total			£	138,311.64
LESS Payments				
Debit Main Account			£	73,544.43
	Debits main account expenses	£	72,544.43	
	Debits Main account to other accounts	£	1,000.00	
	Debits grant account	£	2,636.92	
	Debits kitchen account	£	2,262.48	
	Debits deposit account	£	46,435.87	
Sub-Total			£	124,879.70

Bank Balance Opening + in - out

£13,431.94

Figure from statements

Account number	Mar-23	Mar-24
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Mar-23		Mar-24
£7,293.58	£	3,009.30
£1,270.31	£	66.13
£0.00	£	356.51
£12,020.36	£	10,000.00
<u>£20,584.25</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>13,431.94</u>

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WINKLEIGH WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION FIELD
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees/Members of Winkleigh War Memorial Recreation Field on accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and

Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and to comply with the requirement of the Act; or

- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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