

SPARC

Surfleet Play and Recreation Charity

ANNUAL MEETING, 5th MAY, 2025

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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2. As well as completing repairs to the children's play area, new developments approved, or completed, during the year included the building of a new teaching room for the Glen Park Forest School, new signage aimed at controlling the increasing number of dog owners to the park, and new pitch dividing nets for the astroturf.
3. All bookkeeping is now being handled by the charity's accountants. The 2024/25 financial statement showed a surplus of £33,615 after expenditure of £37,270 on an income of £70,886.37.
4. A lengthy discussion to consider the options for the eventual replacement of the astroturf carpet (estimated cost: £200,000) included a report on representations from Spalding Hockey Club which is anxious to see the facility continue over the long term.

In return for providing a significant proportion of the carpet replacement costs, Committee members were advised that the Hockey Club had offered to enter into a lease arrangement with SPARC whereby the club would assume responsibility for bookings, invoicing, maintenance, repairs and sports development on the site, taking the income and paying the charity an annual pitch usage fee.

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It was agreed not to proceed with the Hockey Club's offer, but to keep on the table its suggested plan on helping to fund the eventual astroturf replacement.

5. Amanda (now Mrs Ditheridge) reported verbally on progress with the Forest School.
6. It was agreed that nominations would be considered to fill the two vacant posts of SPARC Holding Trustees, a legal and fiduciary position without voting rights.
7. Officers elected unanimously were:
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Surfleet Play and Recreation Charity

On accounts for the year ended

31 March, 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1076437

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

25.10.1925

Name:

BRIAN RICHARD JAMES

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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