

GILLING CASTLE GOLF CLUB - TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Objects of the Charity

The main object of the charity is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for playing golf.

Organisation

Gilling Castle Golf Club is managed by the Club Committee, which is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee Members through the period were:

Keith Holloway (Chair.)	Peter Simpson
Bruce Baker (Vice Capt.)	Mike Skehan
Andy Bucklee	Miles Skehan
Betty Gilbert	Adrian Smith (Handicap Sec.)
Ian Henley (Sec & Treasurer)	Pat Thompson (Social Sec)
Steve Hustwick	Margaret Warriner
Andy Kitchman (Capt)	

Progress during the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

The Club played a full programme during the year. Poor weather, an ageing membership and costs associated with changing the name of the club to Gilling Castle, such as signage, score cards, etc. resulted in a reduction in membership numbers (107), and a reduction in net assets of £2500 from £59694 to £57162, including reserves of £38432.

As reported last year the Ampleforth Abbey Trustees sold Gilling Castle and 93 acres of land including the golf course to The Timeless Collection Holdings Ltd / Stonehouse Projects, who have submitted detailed planning applications to North Yorkshire Council. As a result the club now has new owners and the first impact of the sale comes into being at the end of April 2024, with the responsibility for grounds maintenance of the golf course falling to Stonehouse Projects. The Club has been reassured by the new owner, that the status quo will remain for the term of the lease.

The Club operates and has reviewed and updated the Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy during the year, implemented a disciplinary procedure, and fully complies with the recommendations of Golf England. A focused recruitment drive via publicity, and a taster day were delivered to attract a more diverse membership and will be repeated in 2024. The accompanying accounts cover the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Plans for the future

The Club is able to meet its lease obligations by way of course contribution to the new owners. The agreed annual CPI inflator was applied in 2023, as in the previous year. The Club hopes to improve membership numbers by prudent membership and course green fee management, which continues to position the Club as accessible, at a low comparative entry cost, when compared to neighbouring golf courses.

Conclusion

The year has been one of change management as the new owners put their plans in place. The outlook for the rest of the lease period looks stable, and the Club seeks to continue to improve the playing experience, whilst maintaining financial sustainability, and offering the local community a low cost entry point to play golf, meet other like minded people, and contribute to addressing rural isolation.

GILLING CASTLE GOLF CLUB**Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024**

2023		2024
£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
38620	PAVILION - Cost brought forward	38620
-	- additions in year	-
-18540	- depreciation to date	-20085
20080		18535
CURRENT ASSETS		
40091	Cash at bank and on hand	38432
640	Stock on hand	93
163	Sundry Debtors	102
40894		38627
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
44	Sundry Creditors	0
1236	Deferred income - prepaid fees	0
1280		0
39614	NET CURRENT ASSETS(LIABILITIES)	38627
59694	TOTAL NET ASSETS	57162
GENERAL FUND		
53735	Balance brought forward	59694
5959	Surplus/deficit for the year	-2532
59694	Balance carried forward	57162



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

ANNEX D TO
MINUTES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Ampleforth College Golf Club

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1093793

Set out on pages

1 and 2 of form CC16a

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**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 requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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:

Date:

Apr 2024

Name:

John G Chisholm

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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