

# **SOUTH BRENT RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

## **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2021**

This has been what can only be described as a very strange year for the Recreation Association, with periods of lock down when the facilities were not used, to periods when some activities took place. Hopefully, we are now coming out of the restrictions and we can get back to a normal way of operating.

It is pleasing that this AGM is being held at the Pavilion and being able to see each other face to face.

Although the activities have been somewhat restricted, the Association has received several grants from the Government Covid support packages, such that we have been able to keep the whole facility ticking over financially.

In the first part of the pandemic the use of the facilities was somewhat reduced, particularly in the Skate Park, BMX Track and the Courts. The Committee decided that the whole of the recreation ground would remain open to allow exercise by the community particularly families, dog walkers and older people. This was generally supported by the Parish Council. However, there was not any organised sport, Football or Cricket at that time. With the lifting of the lock down the Football and Cricket Clubs resumed both training and matches only to be interrupted again with the second and third lock down. During this time the Pavilion was only used for some small meetings, everything else was stopped, including Brownies, Table Tennis, Keep Fit and Bingo. Hopefully with steady lifting or restrictions all can get back to normal in the near future. It has been encouraging to see the increase in the numbers that have been using the Recreation Ground as the year has progressed, hopefully this will raise the awareness of the Recreation Ground in these users.

Various works have been carried out around the various lockdowns, the Pavilion has been painted outside, the floodlights in the Courts have been all changed for a newer type of light. There has been a light fitted on the end of the Pavilion to light that area and along with a light on the field side will light the way into the Pavilion for the disabled. The footpath round the outside of the Courts was laid, this has made the control of vegetation into the courts much easier to control.

We received a payment from Visty the contractors for Fairfield 2 to use part of the car park for their workers and contractors to park vehicles while construction goes on.

The Adventure Play Area continues to have problems, after the recent ROSPA inspection that confirmed the defects that require attention, Earth Wrights have quoted for the work that should be started at the end of May. The Skate Park has had some defects noted, these are going to be repaired by Evolution, who installed the equipment some 12 years ago, this is the first repair work on the equipment since installation.

The Association is grateful to the Parish Council in continuing to take responsibility for insuring the pavilion and outdoor equipment. Our insurance responsibility only requires us to cover contents of the pavilion. Public Liability insurance is covered under both policies. This continues to be a great help in controlling the cost of the insurance, it is hoped the Parish Council will continue this support in the future. The Council has also indicated that it will cover the cost of maintenance and any repairs to the Adventure Play Area in the future.

The skate park along with the BMX track has been less well used when compared to other years, but when restrictions have allowed it has had many users. However, there has been an ongoing problem with graffiti. There has been some work on the BMX Track in the past year, which has resulted in an improvement and safer riding.

The Multi Sports courts are particularly well used especially when the restriction allowed, and it is hoped the organised events will re-start soon.

The Adventure Trail continues to be a great attraction and is well used by a great number of young people, and as noted there has been problems with some of the equipment and the continued problem with the timber, all of which has again been highlighted by the recent ROSPA Inspection of the area it is hoped the coming repairs will resolve the problems.

Dog poo on the field has improved, with little evidence of poo in the past months, the poo bins are well used, and this has helped with the problem, it seems that some older dog walkers are checking the area in their early morning walk and picking up any poo and other rubbish found, the Association is most grateful for all their efforts. There is still a problem with some dogs running out of control in the field area and intimidating people and other dogs. The litter bins continue to be well used and are being emptied twice a week, or as necessary if over full.

There was a continued problem with Ash die back in some of the trees on the Field, several trees in the hedge row on Exeter Road have been removed as they were considered to be a danger.

The cleaning of the inside of the Pavilion continues to be carried out by Devon Cleaning.

Ian O'Connor has been working on the removal of vegetation in an effort to make the whole area look more presentable, to this end we have purchased a new strimmer, a used grass machine and various other hand tools to enable the work to progress, many thanks to Ian for all his efforts. A wheelbarrow was donated by a Rebecca Kelly of Middle Green after an appeal on Facebook, we are most grateful to Rebecca for the donation. Also, thanks to Jill Cruz who also litter picks and Stuart Parkes who puts out the rubbish for collection

Along with the grants from the South Hams, Anne Nicholls has continued to apply for various grants for particularly the footpath round the field, there has been some successes.

The Monthly lottery continues with some 45 members, many thanks to Anne who has organised and runs the lottery.

Many thanks to Denise Quayle and helpers who regularly pick-up rubbish and alert us to problems. Many thanks to all the committee members for turning up at the meetings. A big thank you must go to Anne Nicholls for all her work not only as the Treasurer but in getting most of the events and other things organised at the Recreation Field.

Finally, although sometimes it seems we are banging our heads against a brick wall in running the facilities at Palstone Park in these difficult times, we must not forget that this is as good a Recreation Field as anywhere in South Devon, if not Devon, and for which we should still be rightly proud.

Treasurers Note - Many thanks to Peter Kelly for the many tasks he has undertaken including dealing with contractors and the many repairs he has taken on to ensure the smooth running of the facilities. We are most grateful for his twice weekly emptying of the bins come rain or shine. Thank you for all the support you have given me as Treasurer sorting out various situations.



**SOUTH BRENT RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1101112**

**YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the accounts for the above year as set out on the attached financial statements:

1. Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 January 2021 showing a total surplus of £3216 (being surplus on Unrestricted Funds of £8259 and deficit on Restricted Funds of £5043)
2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 January 2021 showing Net Funds of £17523 (£7293 restricted)

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by South Brent Recreation Association and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and I have sought explanations where necessary and appropriate.

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 below,

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**Date:** 15 May 2021



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## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

	2021	2020
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
<b>GENERAL</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Coronavirus Grant	10000	
Rental	11375	8343
Youth Club	0	0
Net Bank Interest	0	0
	<u>21375</u>	<u>8343</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Field Maintenance	8005	3468
Youth Club Expenses	0	0
General Running Costs		
Wages	0	0
Heat Light Power	778	908
Water Rates	180	163
Insurance	330	330
Cleaning & Maintenance	3227	3034
Repairs & Renewals	159	312
Telephone and Broadband	420	661
Print Post Stationery	0	0
Data Protection	35	35
Accountancy	240	200
	<u>13374</u>	<u>9111</u>
	8001	(768)
<b>GRANTS &amp; FUNDRAISING</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Fundraising	484	1992
	<u>484</u>	<u>1992</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Fundraising	226	334
	<u>226</u>	<u>334</u>
	258	1658
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) - Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>£ 8259</u>	<u>890</u>
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
CCTV	0	2474
Multi Games Refurbishment	1000	3120
Adventure Trail	3942	1838
Car Park Repairs	0	0
Fencing & Bins	0	2985
Distribution Board	0	1535
Footpaths	0	7866
Cricket Nets	0	15557
	<u>4942</u>	<u>35375</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
CCTV	0	2474
Multi Games Refurbishment	0	3120
Adventure Trail	1224	1210
Car Park Repairs	2530	0
Fencing & Bins	0	2669
Distribution Board	0	1535
Footpaths	6231	0
Cricket Nets	0	42582
	<u>9985</u>	<u>53590</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) - Restricted Funds</b>	<u>£ (5043)</u>	<u>(18215)</u>



## SOUTH BRENT RECREATION ASSOCIATION - REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1101112

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 202'

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Bank and Cash</b>		
Current	7507	527
Instant Access / Lottery	919	686
30 Day Notice	26	26
Skate Park/Bingo	307	477
Youth Club	164	164
Youth Club Savings	20	20
Vice Presidents Club	37	37
Grant	8543	12349
Cash in Hand	<u>0</u>	<u>26</u>
	17523	14312
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Loans</b>		
Ex A Nicholls	0	0
Ex P Kelly	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0
<b>Net Funds</b>	<u>17523</u>	<u>14312</u>



# NET FUNDS REPRESENTED BY

FUND FUNDS REPRESENTED BY		2021	2020
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
Opening Balance		1971	1081
Surplus In Year		8259	890
Transfers from Restricted Funds		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		10230	1971
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
<b>CCTV</b>			
Opening Balance	0		0
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		2474
Less Expenditure in Year	<u>0</u>		<u>(2474)</u>
	0		0
<b>Multigames Refurbishment</b>			
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	1000		3120
Less Expenditure in Year	<u>0</u>		<u>(3120)</u>
	1000		0
<b>Adventure Trail</b>			
Opening Balance	1626		998
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	3942		1838
Less Expenditure in Year	<u>(1224)</u>		<u>(1210)</u>
	4344		1626
<b>Car Park Refurbishment</b>			
Opening Balance	2528		2528
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		0
Less Expenditure in Year	<u>(2530)</u>		<u>0</u>
	(2)		2528
<b>Youth Shelter Refurbishment</b>			
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		2500
Less Expenditure in Year	0		<u>(2502)</u>
Transfers to Unrestricted Funds	<u>0</u>		<u>2</u>
	0		0
<b>Tennis Equipment</b>			
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		180
Less Expenditure in Year	0		<u>(270)</u>
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	<u>0</u>		<u>90</u>
	0		0
<b>Cricket Nets</b>			
Opening Balance	5		27030
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		15557
Less Expenditure in Year	0		<u>(42582)</u>
Transfer to Unrestricted Funds	<u>(5)</u>		<u>5</u>
	0		5
<b>Fencing and Bins</b>			
Opening Balance	316		2985
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		<u>(2669)</u>
Less Expenditure in Year	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	316		316
<b>Footpaths</b>			
Opening Balance	7866		7866
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		0
Less Expenditure in Year	<u>(6231)</u>		<u>0</u>
	1635		7866
<b>Distribution Boards</b>			
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		1535
Less Expenditure in Year	<u>0</u>		<u>(1535)</u>
	0		0
		7293	
<b>Total</b>		<u>17523</u>	<u>14312</u>

Approved By:

*P. H. Kelly*

Chairman

*Anne Nicholls*

Secretary

Date:

*17/5/2021*

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