

SOUTH BRENT RECREATION ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2023

The Recreation Ground continues to be well used by the residents of South Brent as well as people from elsewhere. With the effects of Covid starting to fade, the situation is getting back to normal, although there was one Committee meeting on Zoom, due to the Chairman testing positive for Covid.

The facilities continued to be used by Football Club and Cricket Club seemingly being able to complete all their fixtures in the past year. The Judo club continues to use the hall on a weekly basis as does the Table Tennis Club. There are Pilates Sessions and Armchair Yoga sessions held in the hall also on a weekly basis. The Cash Bingo was restarted on a monthly basis in September, which by popular demand was changed to fortnightly in January, this is a well-attended event with over 40 players turning up. There was a Charity Prize Bingo held in aid of the Samaritans, where over 100 players turned up and after a really good evening raised over £1100, the event was not run by, but supported by the Recreation Association Bingo team. There has also been a Brent Babies session for young families that is run once a week in the Pavilion and despite the change of supervisor, it is continuing on a weekly basis.

The Sunday Market was held monthly during the Summer, along with a Christmas Market in December. The Sunday Market started again in April but will only be held every two months up to September. Many thanks to Jo Plumbly and her partner Steve for their efforts in getting the Markets up and running.

The Parish Council continues to hold meetings in the Hall on the 2nd and 3rd Monday evening in the month. The Parish Council also promoted a Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Event in June, which after some indifferent weather to start with was a great success. 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 the 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. There was a Village Fair organised by Sustainable South Brent in July, which appeared to be very successful with the weather being kind. 20 Trees have been planted by Sustainable South Brent in various parts of the field.

The major achievement in the past year was the completion of the footpath around the Recreation Field. We were very fortunate to receive grants from Awards For All, Arnold Clark Foundation, Bernard Sunley Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, DCC Right of Way Department, DCC Locality Fund, SHDC Locality Fund, SHDC S106 Fund South Brent Parish Council, and some funds for our own accounts. There was some uncertainty about whether the path would be used, but many people have used it in the 5 months it has been in use, not only locals but others from further afield. It is hoped in the coming year to provide additional seats and some exercise equipment around the path. Many thanks go to Paul Lane at Dart Surfaces Ltd, in getting the work on the footpath completed with very little disruption to the Recreation Field. To complement the footpath the entrance gate at Heather Park was repaired.

The Association was fortunate in getting The Community Payback Team of the Probation Service to decorate the inside of the Pavilion in the autumn of last year, this included not only the main hall and kitchen, but all the changing rooms, toilets and passageway. Many thanks to the teams that carried out the work.

With the completion of the footpath around the Rec field it has led to more dog walkers using the Field, this has led to some increase in the incidents of Dog poo on the field, particularly the Football pitches. Signs have been posted around the entrances to the field, hopefully this will improve the situation. However 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. The litter bins continue to be well used and are being emptied twice a week, or as necessary if over full. The Association still has to pay for the rubbish to be taken away and is charged at £ 2.50 per green bag. To keep the number of bags for collection down, the rubbish is sorted on a daily basis to remove all bottles, cans and large cardboard which are recycled through the normal system.

As ever there was always problems and repairs to be carried out, the Adventure Play Area had some repairs carried out, but will need some extensive repairs, particularly to the popular swing assembly, grants are being applied for to enable the work to be carried out. The Tennis court's surface was cleaned and re-sanded for the first time in three years and some damaged wood cladding in the Tennis Courts was replaced.

A start has been made on the BMX Track refurbishment by Darcey Paine a local young person, with the support of the Association he has re-made the track with two levels of expertise. Many thanks to Darcey for all his efforts

Keeping the general area of the Pavilion and the Car Park area, cutting back the grass and keeping the area tidy, continues to be a problem, it is hoped to employ Darcey Paine after he has completed the BMX track.

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

Along with the grants from South Hams District Council, Anne Nicholls has continued to apply for various grants for particularly the footpath seat and gym equipment also the repairs to the Adventure Area and Tennis Courts.

The Monthly lottery continues with some 40 members, many thanks to Geraldine who now organises and runs the lottery.

Many thanks to Denise Quayle and helpers who regularly pick-up rubbish and alert us to problems. Thank you also to Bruce Baker for help with recycling, Simon Brirbeck for cutting grass and hedges, and Sarah Reynolds for examining the accounts 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.

Treasurer's Note We are fortunate and very grateful to our Chariman Peter for his tireless efforts carrying out so many jobs on a regular basis to keep the Rec ticking over including organising the rubbish, setting out the bingo chairs and general maintenance jobs. It has been a particularly busy year and his time project managing the footpath and meeting with various contractors has been invaluable.

THANK YOU PETER

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
GENERAL		
Income		
Rental	7579	5948
Grants Received		
Coronavirus Grant	0	21670
Cost of Living Grant	912	0
Brent Babies Grant	300	0
Youth Club	0	0
Net Bank Interest	2	0
	<u>8793</u>	<u>27618</u>
Expenditure		
Field Maintenance	3419	2401
Youth Club Expenses	0	0
General Running Costs		
Wages	0	0
Heat Light Power	852	835
Water Rates	494	155
Insurance	430	338
Cleaning & Maintenance	3067	2503
Repairs & Renewals	2240	1212
Telephone and Broadband	445	420
Print Post Stationery	215	0
Data Protection	35	35
Accountancy	240	250
	<u>11437</u>	<u>8149</u>
	(2644)	19469
GRANTS & FUNDRAISING		
Income		
Fundraising	1948	2636
	<u>1948</u>	<u>2636</u>
Expenses		
Fundraising	288	167
	<u>288</u>	<u>167</u>
	1660	2469
Surplus/(Deficit) - Unrestricted Funds	<u>£ (984)</u>	<u>21938</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Income		
Kitchen Refurbishment	0	1000
Multi Games Refurbishment	1000	0
Adventure Trail	0	0
Defibrillator	0	500
Footpaths	24485	14100
Outdoor Gym	2555	0
	<u>28040</u>	<u>15600</u>
Expenditure		
Kitchen Refurbishment	0	0
Multi Games Refurbishment	2000	0
Adventure Trail	0	5880
Fencing & Bins	316	0
Defibrillator	0	1614
Footpaths	48892	0
Outdoor Gym	0	0
	<u>51208</u>	<u>7494</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) - Restricted Funds	<u>£ (23168)</u>	<u>8106</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023

ASSETS	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Bank and Cash		
Current	11731	8762
Instant Access / Lottery	1376	1017
30 Day Notice	576	5502
Skate Park/Bingo	342	7
Youth Club	164	164
Youth Club Savings	20	20
Vice Presidents Club	37	37
Grant	9147	32008
Cash in Hand	22	49
	<u>23415</u>	<u>47566</u>
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0
Net Funds	<u><u>23415</u></u>	<u><u>47566</u></u>

NET FUNDS REPRESENTED BY

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Unrestricted Funds		
Opening Balance	31052	10230
Surplus (Deficit) In Year	(984)	21938
Transfers to Restricted Funds	(10208)	(1116)
	<u>19860</u>	<u>31052</u>
Restricted Funds Summary		
Opening Balance	16515	7293
Grant Funding Received	28040	15600
Expenditure in Year	(51208)	(7494)
Surplus (Deficit) In Year	(23168)	
Transfers from Restricted Funds	10208	1116
	<u>3555</u>	<u>16515</u>
Total	<u><u>23415</u></u>	<u><u>47567</u></u>

Restricted Funds Represented By

Kitchen Refurbishment				
Opening Balance	1000		0	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		1000	
Less Expenditure in Year	0		0	
	<u>1000</u>	1000	<u>0</u>	1000
Multigames Refurbishment				
Opening Balance	1000		1000	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	1000		0	
Less Expenditure in Year	(2000)		0	
	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	1000
Adventure Trail				
Opening Balance	(1536)		4344	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		0	
Less Expenditure in Year	0		(5880)	
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	1536		0	
	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	(1536)
Car Park Refurbishment				
Opening Balance	0		(2)	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		0	
Less Expenditure in Year	0		0	
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	0		2	
	<u>0</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
Fencing and Bins				
Opening Balance	316		316	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		0	
Less Expenditure in Year	(316)		0	
	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	316
Footpaths				
Opening Balance	15735		1635	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	24485		14100	
Less Expenditure in Year	(48892)		0	
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	8672			
	<u>(0)</u>	(0)	<u>0</u>	15735
Defibrillator				
Opening Balance	0		0	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		500	
Less Expenditure in Year	0		(1614)	
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	0		1114	
	<u>0</u>	0	<u>1114</u>	0
Outdoor Gym				
Opening Balance	0		0	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	2555		0	
Less Expenditure in Year	0		0	
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	0		0	
	<u>2555</u>	2555	<u>0</u>	0
		<u>3555</u>		<u>16515</u>

Approved By:

Kelly

Chairman

Ane Nichols

Secretary

Date:

19/4/2023

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YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

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 2023 showing a total deficit of £24,152 (being deficit on Unrestricted Funds of £984 and deficit on Restricted Funds of £23,168)
2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 January 2023 showing Net Funds of £23,415 (£3,555 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.

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 need:
 - (a) to keep reasonable accounting records, and,
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the 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.

Sarah Reynolds

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Date: 08 March 2023