

# **SOUTH BRENT RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

## **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT May 2025**

The Recreation Ground continues to be well used by the residents of South Brent as well as people from elsewhere. The footpath around the Field has proved very popular with the public and is well used in all weather and at all times of day including the hours of darkness.

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 thanks to Chris Oldershaw for his efforts running this. There are Pilates Sessions and Armchair Yoga sessions held in the hall also on a weekly basis. The Cash Bingo has continued fortnightly, this is a well-attended event with over 40 players turning up. Many Thanks to Avril and her Team There has also been a Brent Babies session for young families that is run once a week in the Pavilion. There is also a Monday evenings Youth Club which is being run by Elis Norton and his volunteers from the Ivybridge Youth for Christ. They are running two sessions on a Monday evening now in the pavilion, for different age groups, both sessions are well attended with 28 during the younger session and 10 in the older session. A Licence Agreement has been drawn up with Ivybridge Youth for Christ outlining this arrangement, which will be reviewed in December 2025. The Fair Share Supermarket has started using the Pavilion on a weekly basis to distribute items of food etc, this is well supported by the public.

The Footpath around the outside of the field continues to be used by all manner of walkers and runners. There are many more dog walkers using the Field, with the continued problem of the one or two owners who do not pick up their dog's poo. Additional signs have been posted and a stencilled notice on the footpath saying thank you for picking up your dog poo thanks to Gary Shipp who organised the stencils. The Poo Bag dispenser continues to be stocked with poo bags for public use. It should be stressed that the greater majority of dog walkers pick up the poo and put it in the bins provided, the Association would like to say a big thank you to all these people. The poo bins are well used, 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, also to Bruce for taking the recycling the Association is also most grateful for all their efforts. The litter bins continue to be well used and are now being emptied by South Hams District Council being emptied weekly at a cost of £ 5 per bin, three bins are emptied.

During the year, the Association has assisted the Police in providing CCTV of Incidents that have occurred in and around the Recreation Ground. There have also been some incidents of dogs out of control and attacking other dogs, on the advice of the Police it was left to them to investigate and resolve the issues. We continue to provide a key safe to enable the Police to use the Pavilion for operational purposes.

After some neat fund raising by Anne, we managed to replace the access steps from the car park, install a ramp for disability to both access door and a footpath round the Pavilion in a Resin finished surface, also a pothole at the car park entrance was repaired. As an aid in the darker evenings, automatic lights were installed at the front and sides of the Pavilion. There has also been an outside lockable socket installed by the steps for outside use, this is particularly useful for the Pizza van that calls once a week on a Thursday evening. . Two benches and a picnic table (with wheelchair access) installed in June which was funded by a grant from the Co-Op. These were vandalised the same day but with the assistance of the local Police the young people involved were spoken to. The benches were well received, and it is hoped to install further benches this year. The Parish Council donated a Table Tennis Table and two new tennis nets for the Courts, for which the Association is most grateful.

The 5 yearly Electrical Inspection was carried out during the year, this highlighted some issues that have all now been rectified and the Pavilion has a satisfactory inspection certificate. The pads for the Defibrillator were replaced this year, although they have never been used, they only have a shelf life of two years. The Defibrillator was nearly in action in June, however although it is recorded as having been used by the Circuit, it was not required as the patient's heart had not stopped.

As ever there were always problems and repairs to be carried out, the Adventure Play Area had some repairs carried out, the popular swing assembly had extensive refurbishment to replace all the wooden posts, however after some three months in use a swivel assembly failed, resulting in it again being taken out of use. It has recently had new swivel assemblies fitted to all four swings and is now back in use. The climbing area of the Adventure Play Area is having all the Larch wooden posts removed after a failure of one post, it is hoped to arrange some sort of climbing area with the remaining Robinia posts.

The future Skate Park is now being discussed, in what to do going forward, as to what type of park would be preferred, either concrete structure or individual units that are currently in use. Whichever type of park is decided on it will be a costly project to complete.

At the request of the users, goal posts have been marked on the fence of the Courts to enable 5 a side games to be played, thanks to Gary Shipp for organising and installing the goals.

Darcey Paine has continued to be employed by the Association to cut grass verges, weed the car park and tennis courts and generally keep the area tidy. Many thanks to Darcey for all his efforts

The cleaning of the inside of the Pavilion continues to be carried out by Devon Cleaning. The windows are now cleaned monthly and the gutter cleared yearly by Dizzle Dazzle of Ivybridge.

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. Sadly our insurance expert Richard passed away but we will always be grateful for his advice and expertise. The Parish Council has also made a two year grant towards the cost of employing a co-ordinator to assist in running the Association and the Recreation facility. The Association is currently advertising for a suitable candidate and hopefully the post will be filled in the near future.

There was a meeting between the Village Hall, Old School Centre and The Recreation Association hosted by the Parish Council. The discussions centred around how all the organisations can work together in various ways, the discussions are ongoing.

Anne Nicholls has continued to apply for various grants particularly for the entrance steps to the Pavilion, footpath seats and gym equipment also the repairs to the Adventure Area and Skate Park and any other items that require grant funding. Although this last year has been particularly difficult to obtain. Jo Creed was sponsored to run the recent London Marathon in support of the Recreation Association and managed to raise over £ 2,500, many thanks to Jo for her efforts.

The Monthly lottery continues with some 40 members, many thanks to Geraldine who now organises and runs the lottery. We thank her also for all the odd jobs where she has given us help.

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 of thanks to our Chairman:** We are indebted to Peter who quietly attends to all manner of jobs that keep the Rec running smoothly. There seems to have been no end of tasks that he has needed to meet with contractors or spent time fixing items. Apart from being an outstanding Chairman, his knowledge and long standing contribution make the Rec what it is today so **THANK YOU PETER**



SOUTH BRENT RECREATION ASSOCIATION - REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1101112

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

	2025	2024
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
<b>GENERAL</b>		
Income		
Rental	11411	6760
Grants Received	0	0
Youth Club	0	0
Net Bank Interest	15	13
	<u>11426</u>	<u>6773</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Field Maintenance	4121	5112
Skate Park Maintenance	354	0
Youth Club Expenses	0	0
General Running Costs		
Wages	0	0
Heat Light Power	1458	857
Water Rates	152	237
Insurance	395	395
Cleaning & Maintenance	3606	3238
Repairs & Renewals	3905	2060
Telephone and Broadband	589	556
Print Post Stationery	361	309
Data Protection	35	35
Accountancy	240	240
	<u>15216</u>	<u>13039</u>
	(3790)	(6266)
<b>GRANTS &amp; FUNDRAISING</b>		
Income		
Fundraising	3425	2076
	<u>3425</u>	<u>2076</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Fundraising	183	220
	<u>183</u>	<u>220</u>
	3242	1856
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) - Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>£ (548)</u>	<u>(4410)</u>
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
Income		
Multi Games Refurbishment	0	0
Hall Hire	3291	0
Entrance Refurbishment	16000	0
Benches & Seating	0	1868
Outdoor Gym	5300	0
	<u>24591</u>	<u>1868</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Multi Games Refurbishment	0	3296
Hall Hire	962	0
Entrance Refurbishment	5878	0
Benches & Seating	1866	0
Outdoor Gym	0	3872
	<u>8706</u>	<u>7168</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) - Restricted Funds</b>	<u>£ 15886</u>	<u>(5300)</u>



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

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025**

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	<u>0</u>		<u>100</u>	
		0		100
<b>Bank and Cash</b>				
Current	5173		5806	
Instant Access / Lottery	1221		1062	
30 Day Notice	30		79	
Skate Park/Bingo	2316		1122	
Youth Club	164		164	
Youth Club Savings	170		21	
Vice Presidents Club	0		37	
Grant	19936		5292	
Cash in Hand	<u>32</u>		<u>22</u>	
		29042		13605
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
		0		0
<b>Net Funds</b>		<u>29042</u>		<u>13705</u>

**NET FUNDS REPRESENTED BY**

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
Opening Balance	10837		19860	
Surplus (Deficit) In Year	(548)		(4410)	
Transfers to Restricted Funds	<u>1</u>		<u>(4613)</u>	
		10290		10837
<b>Restricted Funds Summary</b>				
Opening Balance	2868		3555	
Grant Funding Received	24591		1868	
Expenditure in Year	<u>(8706)</u>		<u>(7169)</u>	
Surplus (Deficit) In Year	15886		(5300)	
Transfers from Restricted Funds	<u>(3)</u>		<u>4613</u>	
		18751		2868
<b>Total</b>		<u>29042</u>		<u>13705</u>



# Restricted Funds Represented By

## Kitchen Refurbishment

Opening Balance	1000		1000	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		0	
Less Expenditure in Year	0		0	
	<u>1000</u>		<u>1000</u>	

## Multigames Refurbishment

Opening Balance	0		0	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		0	
Less Expenditure in Year	0		(3296)	
Transfer from Restricted Funds	0		3296	
	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	

## Hall Hire

Opening Balance	0		0	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	3291		0	
Less Expenditure in Year	(962)		0	
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	0		0	
	<u>2330</u>		<u>0</u>	

## Entrance Refurbishment

Opening Balance	0		0	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	16000		0	
Less Expenditure in Year	(5878)		0	
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	0		0	
	<u>10122</u>		<u>0</u>	

## Benches & Seating

Opening Balance	1868		0	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	0		1868	
Less Expenditure in Year	(1866)		0	
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	(2)		0	
	<u>0</u>		<u>1868</u>	

## Outdoor Gym

Opening Balance	0		2555	
Add Grant Funding Received in Year	5300		0	
Less Expenditure in Year	0		(3872)	
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	0		1317	
	<u>5300</u>		<u>0</u>	
		<u>18751</u>		<u>2868</u>

Approved By:

*Kentelly*  
*Ane Nicholls*

Chairman

Secretary

Date:

*14/5/2025*



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YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 GRANT FUNDING

The following grants were received in the year:

Buckfast Abbey	***	Hall Hire	500.00	
South Brent Parish Council	***	Outdoor Gym	5300.00	
	***	Hall Hire	791.00	
Awards 4 All	***	Hall Hire	2000.00	
	***	Entrance Refurbishment	16000.00	
			<u>24591.00</u>	

\*\*\* See Restricted Funds

2 EXPENDITURE FROM GRANT FUNDING

Hall Hire	962.00	
Entrance Refurbishment	5878.00	
Benches & Seating	<u>1866.00</u>	
		8706.00

3 DEBTORS / ACCRUALS

None advised



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**YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

**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 2025 showing a total surplus of £15,338 (being deficit on Unrestricted Funds of £548 and surplus on Restricted Funds of £15,886)
2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 January 2025 showing Net Funds of £29,042 (of which £18,751 is 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.

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Sarah Reynolds

**Date:** 28 April 2025