



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/11/2023

Period start date To

31/10/2024

Period end date

Charity name: Abingdon Bowling Club

Charity registration number: 1108092

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity's purpose is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, primarily by providing facilities for playing bowls
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The provision of high quality physical and social facilities to as many members of the local community, as we can accommodate, in a safe and caring environment, by providing facilities for both outdoor green bowling and indoor short mat bowling and social events via our clubhouse. Bowls is a sport for all ages and of particular benefit in keeping older members of the community active.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We have

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not make grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not make social investments. Our only investments are with regulated financial institutions.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All work within the club other than the contractual green maintenance is carried out by volunteers. We have no paid employees

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>As stated above we provide healthy recreation for c.150 members and also a thriving clubhouse where members can socialise and participate in various club activities.</p> <p>We regularly entertain groups from local communities, associations, youth organisations who wish to try the game of bowls.</p> <p>We host a number of competitions and county events during the year, open to members of other bowls clubs, and also participate in a number of local leagues. Our Chairman is also the President of the Royal County of Berkshire Bowling Association, to whom we are affiliated, and our Treasurer is also treasurer to the Kennet League Bowling Association.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Whilst our membership has declined slightly in recent years, largely due to ill health, our recruitment program remains strong, and we remain one of the largest local bowls clubs.</p> <p>Club outdoor bowlers enjoyed success in county competitions in 2024 and one lady and one male member reached the National Finals at Leamington.</p> <p>Indoor short mat bowling continues to grow in popularity and this year a number of our bowlers also reached National Finals.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Whilst subscriptions and donations were down a little on prior year, this was more than compensated by the hard work of our volunteers raising increased amounts from daily social and fund raising activities during the year.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<p>Investment income was significantly increased this year as savings rates improved nationally.</p>

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity remains in a healthy financial position with total funds at our disposal being significantly above the target reserve (being approximately 2 years worth of fixed costs)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The above reserve figure is to guard against the risk of our facilities becoming unusable for whatever reason, albeit some such risks would be mitigated by our insurance policies
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Whilst not held in a separate bank account we seek to retain a minimum of £30,000 in reserve.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our principal sources of funds comes from membership subscriptions, bar and catering operations for members and visiting teams, raffles and Open competitions that we organise and host.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	All investments are with regulated high street banks or financial institutions.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The major challenge is with arresting the decline in membership by recruitment of new members to replace those no longer to continue bowling, and in continuing to grow income from club activities to offset the ever-rising increases in operating costs. However, as previously stated our healthy financial position provides a cushion against these issues.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Our Constitution updated and redrafted in 2025 and registered with the Charity Commission dated 12/3/2025
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association managed by voluntary Trustees
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected annually at the Annual General Meeting by the membership, with any temporary replacements necessary during the year being appointed by the remaining Trustees acting as the Executive Committee.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All Trustees have access to the Constitution, the Club Handbook, and various other documents regarding acceptable behaviour within the club. New Trustees are made fully aware of their responsibilities and obligations before signing their Trustee Declarations and will receive mentoring as required from experienced members of the Executive.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity is affiliated to the RCBBA and Bowls England re outdoor bowls, and the OSMBA and the English Short Mat Bowling Association re indoor bowls. The Charity is administered by the Executive Committee of Trustees, who report to an AGM in March each year and who meet on a quarterly basis, supported by a Playing Committee, that meets monthly, to manage day to day playing issues.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We lease our premises from Christ Hospital Abingdon and are affiliated to the various bowling associations previously stated.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Abingdon Bowling Club
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1108092

Charity's principal address	Albert Park Park Crescent Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 1DF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Highsmith	Chairman	1/11/23 – 19/5/24	
2	John Faint	Secretary		
3	Maurice Booth	Treasurer	13/3/24 – 31/10/24	
4	Geoff Twinn	Treasurer	1/11/23 – 12/3/24	
5	Bill Turner	President		
6	Alan Murdoch	Business Manager		
7	Mike Donnelly	Green Keeper		All appointed by Annual General Meetings or the existing Trustees if vacancies arise.
8	Mike Donnelly	Catering Manager	1/11/23 – 12/3/24	
9	Lorette Burton	Catering Manager	13/3/24 – 31/10/24	
10	Allen Preest	Welfare Officer		
11	Paul Curtis	Members Representative		
12	Sheena Walden	Recruitment Officer		
13	Paul Edgington	Bar Manager		
14	Martin Heath	Buildings Manager		
15	Jim Humphreys	Vice Chairman	1/11/23 – 12/3/24	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Insurance Broker	Howden	7-9 High St, Abingdon OX14 5BB
Green Maintenance	Bicester Turf Care	5 Turnberry Close, Bicester OX26 4YQ

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Maurice Vernon Booth

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer & Trustee

Date

01/07/25

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 October 2024

	Balance	Previous balance
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Club Tour Reserve : Restricted		
<i>Current assets</i>		
4001: HSBC Current Account	(50.00)	(50.00)
4007: HSBC Club Tour Account	668.40	1,043.56
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	618.40	993.56
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Z04: Accounts Payable	(50.00)	(50.00)
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	(50.00)	(50.00)
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Total for Club Tour Reserve : Restricted	668.40	1,043.56
Development Fund : Restricted		
<i>Current assets</i>		
4001: HSBC Current Account	6,292.31	5,997.81
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	6,292.31	5,997.81
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Total for Development Fund : Restricted	6,292.31	5,997.81
General fund : Unrestricted		
<i>Fixed assets</i>		
3001: Bowling Green	4,438.85	4,931.85
3002: Clubhouse Building	32,119.92	35,688.92
3003: Machine Store	1,481.72	1,646.72
3006: New Mower	3,146.60	4,719.60
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	41,187.09	46,987.09
<i>Current assets</i>		
4001: HSBC Current Account	(2,395.09)	(2,138.30)
4002: HSBC Deposit Account	41,651.22	39,371.86
4003: Cash in Hand	49.70	15.60
4004: Stocks	813.56	310.08
4005: HSBC Prize Draw Account	1,536.90	269.85
4008: Virgin Charity Deposit Account	—	1,464.89
4009: Virgin Money 120 Day Notice Account	21,324.83	20,398.35
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	62,981.12	59,692.33
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Z04: Accounts Payable	50.00	50.00
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	50.00	50.00
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Total for General fund : Unrestricted	104,118.21	106,629.42
Grand Total	<hr/> 111,078.92 <hr/>	<hr/> 113,670.79 <hr/>

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Balance sheet (Summary)

As at: 31 October 2024

	As at 31/10/2024	As at 31/10/2023
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	41,187.09	46,987.09
	<u>41,187.09</u>	<u>46,987.09</u>
Current assets		
Stocks and work in progress	813.56	310.08
Investments	21,324.83	21,863.24
Cash at bank and in hand	47,753.44	44,510.38
	<u>69,891.83</u>	<u>66,683.70</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>69,891.83</u>	<u>66,683.70</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>111,078.92</u>	<u>113,670.79</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>111,078.92</u>	<u>113,670.79</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	104,118.21	106,629.42
Restricted		
Restricted - Development Fund	6,292.31	5,997.81
Restricted - Club Tour Reserve	668.40	1,043.56
Funds of the charity	<u>111,078.92</u>	<u>113,670.79</u>

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Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 November 2023 to 31 October 2024

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Dev							
Restricted	5,997.81	294.50	—	—	—	—	6,292.31
Sub-totals	5,997.81	294.50	—	—	—	—	6,292.31
Tour							
Restricted	1,043.56	(40.00)	366.56	31.40	—	—	668.40
Sub-totals	1,043.56	(40.00)	366.56	31.40	—	—	668.40
General							
Unrestricted	106,629.42	45,010.27	47,490.08	(31.40)	—	—	104,118.21
Sub-totals	106,629.42	45,010.27	47,490.08	(31.40)	—	—	104,118.21
Totals	113,670.79	45,264.77	47,856.64	—	—	—	111,078.92

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 November 2023 to 31 October 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	13,608.04	294.50	—	13,902.54	16,694.64
Other trading activities	29,652.68	—	—	29,652.68	24,551.58
Investments	1,709.55	—	—	1,709.55	832.08
Other income	40.00	(40.00)	—	—	854.35
Total income	45,010.27	254.50	—	45,264.77	42,932.65
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	41,495.00	—	—	41,495.00	36,992.26
Other expenditure	5,995.08	366.56	—	6,361.64	5,996.42
Total expenditure	47,490.08	366.56	—	47,856.64	42,988.68
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(2,479.81)	(112.06)	—	(2,591.87)	(56.03)
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	31.40	—	31.40	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(31.40)	—	—	(31.40)	—
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(2,511.21)	(80.66)	—	(2,591.87)	(56.03)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	106,629.42	7,041.37	—	113,670.79	113,726.82
Total funds carried forward	104,118.21	6,960.71	—	111,078.92	113,670.79

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Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period: 01 November 2023 to 31 October 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
1001 - Subscriptions	11,220.00	—	—	—	11,220.00	11,980.00
1004 - Donations	182.50	—	—	—	182.50	1,475.00
1005 - Gift Aid	2,205.54	—	—	—	2,205.54	2,698.14
1020 - Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1021 - Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	—
5001 - Development Fund	—	—	294.50	—	294.50	541.50
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	13,608.04	—	294.50	—	13,902.54	16,694.64
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
1002 - Bar Sales	12,987.93	—	—	—	12,987.93	11,288.01
1007 - Preston Cup Income (incl Catering)	1,409.00	—	—	—	1,409.00	1,657.48
1008 - Gala Day Receipts (including Catering)	1,287.82	—	—	—	1,287.82	901.00
1009 - Raffles	2,082.79	—	—	—	2,082.79	1,239.45
1010 - Catering Income	2,848.11	—	—	—	2,848.11	1,462.00
1011 - Sales-Books, Plants & Sundry Items	223.35	—	—	—	223.35	428.60
1012 - Sale of Shirts & Bowling Merchandise	1,429.68	—	—	—	1,429.68	675.00
1013 - Telephone Private Use	—	—	—	—	—	—
1014 - 59 Club	590.00	—	—	—	590.00	590.00
1015 - Use of Clubhouse / Green Donations	257.00	—	—	—	257.00	—
1017 - Wednesday Fundraising	—	—	—	—	—	396.42
1018 - Monthly Draw	2,394.00	—	—	—	2,394.00	2,491.00
1019 - Competitions	626.00	—	—	—	626.00	708.00
1022 - Short Mat	2,513.00	—	—	—	2,513.00	1,885.10
1023 - Advertising & General Sponsorship	975.00	—	—	—	975.00	791.52
1024 - Green Fees	29.00	—	—	—	29.00	38.00
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	29,652.68	—	—	—	29,652.68	24,551.58
<i>Investments</i>						
1006 - Bank Interest	1,709.55	—	—	—	1,709.55	832.08
<i>Investments Totals</i>	1,709.55	—	—	—	1,709.55	832.08
<i>Other income</i>						
1016 - Club Tour	40.00	—	(40.00)	—	—	854.35
<i>Other income Totals</i>	40.00	—	(40.00)	—	—	854.35
Income and endowments Grand totals	45,010.27	—	254.50	—	45,264.77	42,932.65

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Expenditure						
<i>Raising funds</i>						
2001 - Bar Purchases	6,366.41	—	—	—	6,366.41	5,698.26
2002 - Rent	5,096.75	—	—	—	5,096.75	3,811.84
2003 - Rates	98.34	—	—	—	98.34	93.78
2004 - Water	673.35	—	—	—	673.35	1,684.65
2005 - Insurance	1,759.05	—	—	—	1,759.05	1,492.97
2006 - Electricity	2,105.29	—	—	—	2,105.29	1,157.54
2007 - Green	8,954.91	—	—	—	8,954.91	10,286.94
2008 - Clubhouse	2,485.95	—	—	—	2,485.95	1,911.97
2010 - RCBBA/Bowls England Fees	1,709.80	—	—	—	1,709.80	1,053.50
2011 - Catering Expenditure	1,513.75	—	—	—	1,513.75	245.07
2012 - Telephone	757.80	—	—	—	757.80	719.27
2013 - Printing	347.00	—	—	—	347.00	120.00
2014 - Cleaning	1,656.00	—	—	—	1,656.00	1,776.00
2016 - Expenses	121.26	—	—	—	121.26	128.31
2017 - Preston Cup Exp (including Catering)	939.90	—	—	—	939.90	898.13
2018 - Gala Day Exp (including Catering)	743.64	—	—	—	743.64	569.31
2020 - Trophies	388.10	—	—	—	388.10	373.42
2021 - 59 Club Prizes	300.00	—	—	—	300.00	300.00
2022 - Purchase of Shirts & Bowling Merchandise	2,242.70	—	—	—	2,242.70	817.83
2023 - Legal/Professional Fees	—	—	—	—	—	1,044.72
2024 - Coaching	21.38	—	—	—	21.38	25.00
2025 - Gifts to Visiting Teams & Pennants	317.98	—	—	—	317.98	701.66
2027 - Mayor's Match Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2029 - Monthly Draw Prizes	1,066.95	—	—	—	1,066.95	1,147.95
2030 - Centenary Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
2031 - Short Mat Expenses	584.50	—	—	—	584.50	520.05
2032 - Advertising Costs	279.00	—	—	—	279.00	—
2034 - Waste Management	965.19	—	—	—	965.19	414.09
<i>Raising funds Totals</i>	41,495.00	—	—	—	41,495.00	36,992.26
<i>Other expenditure</i>						
2019 - Depreciation	5,800.00	—	—	—	5,800.00	5,799.92
2028 - Club Tour Exp	8.60	—	366.56	—	375.16	—
2033 - Bank Charges	186.48	—	—	—	186.48	196.50
<i>Other expenditure Totals</i>	5,995.08	—	366.56	—	6,361.64	5,996.42
Expenditure Grand totals	47,490.08	—	366.56	—	47,856.64	42,988.68



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

ABINGDON BOWLING CLUB

On accounts for the year ended

31/02/04

Charity no (if any)

1108092

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn 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

Geoffrey Graham Twinn

Date

22/1/2005

Name

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