



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/11/2024
Period end date

Period start date To 31/10/2025

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 exercise and social activities 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 in our clubhouse.
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 our contractual green maintenance is carried out by volunteer club members. We have no paid employees.

Other		
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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.140 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, and 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 leagues for both outdoor and indoor bowling.</p> <p>Our Treasurer is also the Treasurer of 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 in attracting new members, and we remain one of the largest local bowls clubs.</p> <p>Club indoor and outdoor bowlers enjoyed success in county competitions in 2025 with one lady and one male member reaching the outdoor National Finals at Leamington. A number of our members also reached the indoor short mat National Finals.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Subscriptions and donations were up on the previous year, largely as a result of a large single member donation, and thanks to the hard work of club volunteers income from events, competitions, and social activities continue to increase each year.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<p>Investment income was down on previous on the previous year due to savings rates reducing nationally but our bank and financial investment balances remain healthy.</p>
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity remains in a healthy position financially with total funds at our disposal being well above our target reserve of 2 years worth of fixed costs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The above reserve is to guard against the risk of our facilities being unusable for whatever reason and preventing us from raising new funds. However, these risks would be mitigated to some degree by our insurance policies.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Whilst not held in a separate fund we seek to maintain 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 at present. The lease of our facilities expires in 2033 but we have no reason to believe it will not be renewed.

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 come from membership subscriptions and donations, bar and catering operations for members and visiting teams, raffles and competitions we organise and host for members of our club and those of other local clubs.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	All investments and deposits are with regulated high street banks or financial institutions.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The major challenge for all bowls clubs is the recruitment of sufficient new members to compensate for the loss of older members and to lower the age profile of the club membership. In addition we seek to continue to grow our income from club activities to keep pace with the ever increasing rise in operating costs. However, as previously stated, the club's healthy bank balances provide 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 was revised and updated 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 or Autumn General Meeting, with any temporary replacements or additional Trustees being appointed by the Trustees as a group 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 Trustees.
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 lawn bowls, and the OSMBA and the English Short Mat Bowling Association re indoor bowls. The Charity is administered by an Executive Committee of the Trustees, who report to The AGM in March each year, and meet on a quarterly basis, and are supported by both Playing Committee and Short Mat Committee that meet regularly 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	Peter Rogers	Chairman		
2	John Faint	Secretary		
3	Maurice Booth	Treasurer		
4	Anne Murdoch	President		
5	Alan Murdoch	Business Manager		
6		Vice Chairman	12/3/25 to 31/10/25	
7	Mike Donnelly	Greenkeeper		
8		Safeguarding Officer	13/1/25 to 31/10/25	
9	Lorette Burton	Catering Manager		
10	Paul Curtis	Members Rep		
11	Sheena Walden	Recruitment Manager		
12	Martin Heath	Buildings Manager		
13	Paul Edgington	Bar Manager		
14	Jill Tuffley	Safeguarding Officer	13/1/25 to 31/10/25	
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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 Street, 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

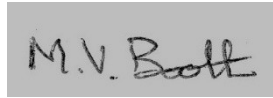
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Maurice Vernon Booth

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer and Trustee

Date

11/5/25

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 October 2025

			Balance	Previous balance
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Tangible assets				
3001: Bowling Green - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		3,945.85	4,438.85
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			3,945.85	4,438.85
 3002: Clubhouse Building - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		28,550.92	32,119.92
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			28,550.92	32,119.92
 3003: Machine Store - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		1,316.72	1,481.72
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			1,316.72	1,481.72
 3006: New Mower - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		1,573.60	3,146.60
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			1,573.60	3,146.60
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Tangible assets			35,387.09	41,187.09
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Cash at bank and in hand				
4001: HSBC Current Account - Asset				
Club Tour Reserve	Restricted		(50.00)	(50.00)
Development Fund	Restricted		6,457.31	6,292.31
General fund	Unrestricted		(3,092.35)	(2,395.09)
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			3,314.96	3,847.22
 4002: HSBC Deposit Account - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		38,840.05	41,651.22
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			38,840.05	41,651.22
 4003: Cash in Hand - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		141.40	49.70
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			141.40	49.70
 4005: HSBC Prize Draw Account - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		1,858.70	1,536.90
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			1,858.70	1,536.90
 4007: HSBC Club Tour Account - Asset				
Club Tour Reserve	Restricted		878.50	668.40
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			878.50	668.40
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Cash at bank and in hand			45,033.61	47,753.44

			Balance	Previous balance
Investments				
4009: Virgin Money 120 Day Notice Account - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		22,114.81	21,324.83
			22,114.81	21,324.83
		Investments	22,114.81	21,324.83
Stocks and work in progress				
4004: Stocks - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		1,038.15	813.56
			1,038.15	813.56
		Stocks and work in progress	1,038.15	813.56
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year				
Z04: Accounts Payable - Liability				
Club Tour Reserve	Restricted		(50.00)	(50.00)
General fund	Unrestricted		50.00	50.00
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		Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	—
		Grand Total	103,573.66	111,078.92

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Balance sheet (Summary)

As at: 31 October 2025

	As at 31/10/2025 £	As at 31/10/2024 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	35,387.09	41,187.09
	<u>35,387.09</u>	<u>41,187.09</u>
Current assets		
Stocks and work in progress	1,038.15	813.56
Investments	22,114.81	21,324.83
Cash at bank and in hand	45,033.61	47,753.44
	<u>68,186.57</u>	<u>69,891.83</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>68,186.57</u>	<u>69,891.83</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>103,573.66</u>	<u>111,078.92</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>103,573.66</u>	<u>111,078.92</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	96,237.85	104,118.21
Restricted		
Restricted - Development Fund	6,457.31	6,292.31
Restricted - Club Tour Reserve	878.50	668.40
Funds of the charity	<u>103,573.66</u>	<u>111,078.92</u>

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Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 November 2024 to 31 October 2025

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Dev							
Restricted	6,292.31	—	—	165.00	—	—	6,457.31
Sub-totals	6,292.31	—	—	165.00	—	—	6,457.31
Tour							
Restricted	668.40	—	(210.10)	—	—	—	878.50
Sub-totals	668.40	—	(210.10)	—	—	—	878.50
General							
Unrestricted	104,118.21	47,998.30	55,713.66	(165.00)	—	—	96,237.85
Sub-totals	104,118.21	47,998.30	55,713.66	(165.00)	—	—	96,237.85
Totals	111,078.92	47,998.30	55,503.56	—	—	—	103,573.66

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 November 2024 to 31 October 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	16,311.44	—	—	16,311.44	13,902.54
Other trading activities	30,208.05	—	—	30,208.05	29,652.68
Investments	1,478.81	—	—	1,478.81	1,709.55
Other income	—	—	—	—	—
Total income and endowments from:	47,998.30	—	—	47,998.30	45,264.77
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds	49,748.20	—	—	49,748.20	41,495.00
Other expenditure	5,965.46	(210.10)	—	5,755.36	6,361.64
Total expenditure on:	55,713.66	(210.10)	—	55,503.56	47,856.64
Net income / (expenditure)	(7,715.36)	210.10	—	(7,505.26)	(2,591.87)
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	165.00	—	165.00	31.40
Gross transfers between funds - out	(165.00)	—	—	(165.00)	(31.40)
Net income / (expenditure)	(7,880.36)	375.10	—	(7,505.26)	(2,591.87)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(7,880.36)	375.10	—	(7,505.26)	(2,591.87)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	104,118.21	6,960.71	—	111,078.92	113,670.79
Total funds carried forward	96,237.85	7,335.81	—	103,573.66	111,078.92

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Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period: 01 November 2024 to 31 October 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
1001 - Subscriptions	11,780.00	—	—	—	11,780.00	11,220.00
1004 - Donations	1,485.00	—	—	—	1,485.00	182.50
1005 - Gift Aid	2,881.44	—	—	—	2,881.44	2,205.54
5001 - Development Fund	165.00	—	—	—	165.00	294.50
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	16,311.44	—	—	—	16,311.44	13,902.54
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
1002 - Bar Sales	14,825.95	—	—	—	14,825.95	12,987.93
1007 - Preston Cup Income (incl Catering)	1,389.34	—	—	—	1,389.34	1,409.00
1008 - Gala Day Receipts (including Catering)	830.00	—	—	—	830.00	1,287.82
1009 - Raffles	1,550.28	—	—	—	1,550.28	2,082.79
1010 - Catering Income	3,197.78	—	—	—	3,197.78	2,848.11
1011 - Sales-Books, Plants & Sundry Items	90.10	—	—	—	90.10	223.35
1012 - Sale of Shirts & Bowling Merchandise	1,100.60	—	—	—	1,100.60	1,429.68
1014 - 59 Club	590.00	—	—	—	590.00	590.00
1015 - Use of Clubhouse / Green Donations	335.00	—	—	—	335.00	257.00
1018 - Monthly Draw	2,387.00	—	—	—	2,387.00	2,394.00
1019 - Competitions	610.00	—	—	—	610.00	626.00
1022 - Short Mat	2,584.50	—	—	—	2,584.50	2,513.00
1023 - Advertising & General Sponsorship	595.00	—	—	—	595.00	975.00
1024 - Green Fees	122.50	—	—	—	122.50	29.00
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	30,208.05	—	—	—	30,208.05	29,652.68
<i>Investments</i>						
1006 - Bank Interest	1,478.81	—	—	—	1,478.81	1,709.55
<i>Investments Totals</i>	1,478.81	—	—	—	1,478.81	1,709.55
<i>Other income</i>						
1016 - Club Tour	—	—	210.10	—	210.10	—
<i>Other income Totals</i>	—	—	210.10	—	210.10	—
Income and endowments Grand totals	47,998.30	—	210.10	—	48,208.40	45,264.77

Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<i>Raising funds</i>						
2001 - Bar Purchases	7,131.62	—	—	—	7,131.62	6,366.41
2002 - Rent	4,996.16	—	—	—	4,996.16	5,096.75
2003 - Rates	295.01	—	—	—	295.01	98.34
2004 - Water	2,201.64	—	—	—	2,201.64	673.35
2005 - Insurance	1,920.69	—	—	—	1,920.69	1,759.05
2006 - Electricity	2,085.52	—	—	—	2,085.52	2,105.29
2007 - Green	15,825.39	—	—	—	15,825.39	8,954.91
2008 - Clubhouse	2,536.93	—	—	—	2,536.93	2,485.95
2010 - RCBBA/Bowls England Fees	1,922.70	—	—	—	1,922.70	1,709.80
2011 - Catering Expenditure	2,029.89	—	—	—	2,029.89	1,513.75
2012 - Telephone	768.05	—	—	—	768.05	757.80
2013 - Printing	281.65	—	—	—	281.65	347.00
2014 - Cleaning	1,920.00	—	—	—	1,920.00	1,656.00
2016 - Expenses	113.17	—	—	—	113.17	121.26
2017 - Preston Cup Exp (including Catering)	228.27	—	—	—	228.27	939.90
2018 - Gala Day Exp (including Catering)	200.92	—	—	—	200.92	743.64
2020 - Trophies	939.38	—	—	—	939.38	388.10
2021 - 59 Club Prizes	270.00	—	—	—	270.00	300.00
2022 - Purchase of Shirts & Bowling Merchandise	1,251.75	—	—	—	1,251.75	2,242.70
2023 - Legal/Professional Fees	182.50	—	—	—	182.50	—
2024 - Coaching	—	—	—	—	—	21.38
2025 - Gifts to Visiting Teams & Pennants	—	—	—	—	—	317.98
2029 - Monthly Draw Prizes	1,051.65	—	—	—	1,051.65	1,066.95
2031 - Short Mat Expenses	734.76	—	—	—	734.76	584.50
2032 - Advertising Costs	279.00	—	—	—	279.00	279.00
2034 - Waste Management	581.55	—	—	—	581.55	965.19
<i>Raising funds Totals</i>	49,748.20	—	—	—	49,748.20	41,495.00
<i>Other expenditure</i>						
2019 - Depreciation	5,800.00	—	—	—	5,800.00	5,800.00
2028 - Club Tour Exp	—	—	—	—	—	375.16
2033 - Bank Charges	165.46	—	—	—	165.46	186.48
<i>Other expenditure Totals</i>	5,965.46	—	—	—	5,965.46	6,361.64
Expenditure Grand totals	55,713.66	—	—	—	55,713.66	47,856.64



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

ABINGDON BOWLING CLUB

On accounts for the year
ended

31 OCTOBER 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1108092

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Name:

GEORGEY GRAHAM TWINN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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