

BLIND CRICKET ENGLAND & WALES
(Registered charity no. 1118729)

REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number: 1118729

Committee Members

Colin Baxter	(Chairman & Governance Director)
David Gavrilovic	(Joint Vice Chairman, Business & Competitions Director)
John Garbett	(Joint Vice Chairman & Development Director)
Amanda Large	(Treasurer)
Adam White	(Publicity Director)
Kathryn Jelfs-White	(Women's Programme Advisor)
Michael Parsons	(Welfare & Safeguarding Director)
Peter Sugg	(International Director)
Lois Turner	(Development Advisor)

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 October 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issues in March 2005.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

BCEW is a membership organisation, the clubs that play in the charities competitions are its members. To become a member officially a team must complete two seasons in one of BCEW's leagues and must also be fully constituted. At the end of this financial period BCEW had 18 member clubs.

BCEW is managed by a board of trustees as elected by the charities members. Terms of office last two years. Trustees are usually elected at the BCEW AGM. Anyone involved with a BCEW member club may be considered for election and there is no limit on the number of terms of office a trustee can serve.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

BCEW's objectives during this financial period are based on the charities objectives as defined in its constitution:

The overarching object of the Association is to promote the playing of blind cricket as an amateur sport for the benefit of individuals suffering from a serious vision impairment.

BCEW's activities during this financial period included:

- Running a National League competition
- Running 3 Development League competitions
- Running 2 National Cup competitions
- Running a Development Twenty20 Cup competition
- Running a Development Festival
- Running and developing a women only team, The UK Women's VI Cricket Team and preparing this team to take part in the 2023 IBSA World Blind Games in Birmingham
- Generally developing the game of visually impaired cricket across England and Wales

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

BCEW's achievements in the financial period include:

- Successfully completing all of the activities listed above
- Maintaining a high number of teams participating in our competitions during the year, 21
- Maintaining a high number of participants, around 480 took part in the charities activities during the year

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

BCEW has no debts and at no point during the financial period was the charity in debt.

BCEW had cash reserves of £55,559 (2022: £69,651) at the end of this financial period and intended to increase that amount in the following financial period.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The committee members confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The public benefit of the Charity's activities are outlined under 'Objectives and activities' above.

STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The committee Members are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law applicable to charities in England/Wales requires the Committee Members to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Committee Members have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently,
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement; and
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis (unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation).

The Committee Members have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

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The Committee Members are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Charity's Independent Examiner, Sarah Stirland of Solutions 4 Tax Ltd, has indicated her willingness to continue in office and offer herself for re-appointment.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Committee Members on 2nd August 2024.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'David Gavrilovic', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Gavrilovic
Vice Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLIND CRICKET ENGLAND & WALES

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023 set out on pages eight to twelve.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. 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 in the statements 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 requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 October 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	2	41,961	14,200	56,161	61,633
Activities for generating funds	3	1,528	-	1,528	2,429
Bank interest receivable		79	-	79	5
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Other incoming resources		4,991	-	4,991	4,184
Total incoming resources		48,559	14,200	62,759	68,251
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
International cricket		-	-	-	-
Sports supplies		3,437	-	3,437	4,986
Developments		684	-	684	10,791
Tournament costs		7,797	14,129	21,926	3,776
Medals		1,420	-	1,420	1,670
Meeting costs		-	-	-	103
Travel and accommodation		84	-	84	-
Independent examiner's fees		528	-	528	528
Administration expenses		544	-	544	495
Website and computer consumables		4,599	-	4,599	4,000
Officials		12,573	-	12,573	11,154
AGM costs		-	-	-	-
Women's team		19,882	10,272	30,154	18,229
Venue hire		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous		902	-	902	4,151
Bank charges		-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		52,450	24,401	76,851	59,883
Net incoming/(outgoing) resource before transfer		-3,891	-10,201	-14,092	8,368
Transfer between funds		-10,201	10,201	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-14,092	-	-14,092	8,368
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 NOVEMBER 2022		69,123	-	69,123	60,755
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023		55,031	-	55,031	69,123

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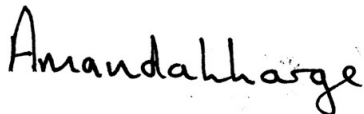
**BALANCE SHEET
for the year ended 31 October 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		55,559	69,651
CREDITORS: amounts falling due			
Within one year	4	<u>(528)</u>	<u>(528)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>55,031</u>	<u>69,123</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>55,031</u>	<u>69,123</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted funds	5	-	-
General funds		<u>55,031</u>	<u>69,123</u>
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015). They were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Committee Members on 2nd August 2024 and signed on their behalf by: -



DAVID GAVRILOVIC, Vice Chairman



AMANDA LARGE, Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Only blind cricket playing clubs in existence for more than three months are eligible for membership. The membership fee is reviewed annually and payable by every member club for the calendar year.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for including related irrecoverable VAT and in the period to which it relates. Equipment is capitalised only if it has a cost of over £400 and will be depreciated at 25% of cost per annum.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Statutory grants which are given as contributions towards the Charity's core services are treated as unrestricted.

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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
The Johnners Trust Grant	-	-	-	-
The Johnners Trust				
Women's Team Grant		5,100	5,100	9,530
The Johnners Trust				
Development Festival	-	9,100	9,100	9,110
Membership fees	800	-	800	2,600
Primary Club	21,300	-	21,300	17,300
England & Wales Cricket Board	10,000	-	10,000	20,142
Other donations	9,861	-	9,861	2,951
	<u>41,961</u>	<u>14,200</u>	<u>56,161</u>	<u>61,633</u>

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Equipment sales	<u>1,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,528</u>	<u>2,429</u>

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	<u>528</u>	<u>528</u>

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5. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
The Johnners Trust	-	-	-	-	-
The Johnners Trust					-
Women's Team Grant	-	5,100	(10,272)	5,172	-
The Johnners Trust					-
Development Festival	-	9,100	(14,129)	5,029	-
Ball Challenge Cup	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Club	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>14,200</u>	<u>(24,401)</u>	<u>10,201</u>	<u>-</u>
SUMMARY OF FUNDS					
General Funds	69,123	48,559	(52,450)	(10,201)	55,031
Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>14,200</u>	<u>(24,401)</u>	<u>10,201</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>69,123</u>	<u>62,759</u>	<u>(76,851)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,031</u>

The Johnners Trust grant was towards the cost of the Development Tournament held at Leicester University, and is represented by the expenditure for the tournament.

The Primary Club grant has been awarded on an annual basis and is to be spent on development of the domestic game, specialist equipment, trophies and medals for domestic competitions and women's cricket. Any balances carried forward are to be spent on development in the following year.

6. GOING CONCERN

The Charity has minimal 'free reserves'. The Committee fundraises to enable particular activities to take place. Should this be unsuccessful the activities will be reduced to an affordable level. The Committee members therefore consider that debts will continue to be paid as they fall due and the 'going concern' basis of preparing the accounts is appropriate.