

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

REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
For the year ended 31 October 2024**

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 2024. 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 Festival
- Running and developing a women only team, The UK Women's VI Cricket Team
- 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, 22
- Maintaining a high number of participants, around 500 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 £38,668 (2023: £55,559) 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 20th December 2024.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



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 2024 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

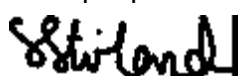
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2024

	Notes	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	2	47,708	10,000	57,708	56,161
Activities for generating funds	3	833	-	833	1,528
Bank interest receivable		109	-	109	79
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Other incoming resources		4,086	-	4,086	4,991
Total incoming resources		52,736	10,000	62,736	62,759
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
International cricket		-	-	-	-
Sports supplies		10,682	-	10,682	3,437
Developments		11,783	9,969	21,752	6
Tournament costs		8,086	-	8,086	21,926
Medals		1,567	-	1,567	1,420
Meeting costs		156	-	156	-
Travel and accommodation		208	-	208	84
Independent examiner's fees		528	-	528	528
Administration expenses		976	-	976	544
Website and computer consumables		4,400	-	4,400	4,599
Officials		14,727	-	14,727	12,573
AGM costs		-	-	-	-
Women's team		10,460	5,000	15,460	30,154
Venue hire		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous		1,085	-	1,085	902
Bank charges		-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		64,658	14,969	79,627	76,851
Net incoming/(outgoing) resource before transfer		-	-4,969	-	-14,092
Transfer between funds		11,922	4,969	16,891	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-16,891	-	16,891	-14,092

TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 NOVEMBER 2023	<u>55,031</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,031</u>	<u>69,123</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024	<u>38,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,140</u>	<u>55,031</u>

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BALANCE SHEET for the year ended 31 October 2024

	Note	2023 £	£	2023 £	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		38,668		55,559	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due Within one year	4	(528)		(528)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		38,140		55,031	
NET ASSETS		38,140		55,031	
FUNDS					
Restricted funds	5	-		-	
General funds		38,140		55,031	
		38,140		55,031	

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 20th December 2024 and signed on their behalf by: -



DAVID GAVRILOVIC, Vice Chairman

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AMANDA LARGE, Treasurer

**BLIND CRICKET ENGLAND & WALES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 October 2024**

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

	Unrestrict ed Funds 2024 £	Restrict ed Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
The Johnners Trust Grant	-	-	-	-
The Johnners Trust Women's Team Grant		5,000	5,000	5,100
The Johnners Trust Development Festival	-	5,000	5,000	9,100
Membership fees	1,100	-	1,100	800
Primary Club	18,090	-	18,090	21,300
England & Wales Cricket Board	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Other donations	18,518	-	18,518	9,861
	<u>47,708</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>57,708</u>	<u>56,161</u>

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestrict ed Funds 2024 £	Restrict ed Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Equipment sales	<u>833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>833</u>	<u>1,528</u>

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2024 2023

	£	£
Accruals	<u>528</u>	<u>528</u>

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5. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resource s £	Resourc es Expend ed £	Transfer s £	Carried Forward £
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
The Johnners Trust	-	-	-	-	-
The Johnners Trust					-
Women's Team Grant	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
The Johnners Trust Development Festival	-	5,000	(9,969)	4,969	-
Ball Challenge Cup	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Club	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(14,969)</u>	<u>4,969</u>	<u>-</u>
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SUMMARY OF FUNDS					
General Funds	55,031	52,736	(64,658)	(4,969)	38,140
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Restricted Funds	-	10,000	(14,969)	4,969	-
	<u>55,031</u>	<u>62,736</u>	<u>(79,627)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,140</u>
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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.