

Golden Hill Sports: Trustees Annual Report for 2023.

Section A

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity

- a) Name: Golden Hill Sports
- b) Registration Number: 1118954; Golden Hill Sports Ltd is a registered company: 6046640
- c) The Charity's address is Wimbledon Road, Golden Hill, Henleaze, Bristol, BS6 7YA; the address for correspondence is that of the acting Chair, Mr Keith Milsom : 12 Stanshalls Lane, Felton, Bristol BS40 9UG
- d) The seven (7) current permanent trustees are:
 - Mr. Keith Milsom; acting Chair & Secretary
 - Mr. Mark Steer; Treasurer
 - Mr. John Colley
 - Mr Jamie Woodworth
 - Mr Thomas Milsom
 - Mr Patrick Murphy
 - Mrs Georgina Hodge
- e) In order to establish itself, the Charity used a respected firm of solicitors that specialised in such matters: Osborne Clarke, 2 Temple Back East, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EG.
Conveyancing was undertaken by the Robert Davies Partnership, Wentwood House, Langstone Business Village, Newport, South Wales, NP18 2HJ, who continue to act as our legal advisers.

2. Structure, governance and management

The Charity is constituted as a limited company which is run in accordance with a Memorandum and Articles of Association that were drawn up when the Charity was created on 9 January 2007. These provide detailed stipulations regarding the activities of trustees, their appointment and retirement and or re-election, the election of members and the conduct of meetings. These incorporated the Constitution of the YMCA Cricket Club (renamed Golden Hill Cricket Club in 2020) which was the existing body from which Golden Hill Sports (GHS) evolved. This constitution also has detailed provision for eligibility of membership, the procedures for holding meetings and their conduct, the provision of annual accounts, and for the election of officers.

In the first instance the Trustees were drawn from the persons who held office in YMCA CC. We read the literature sent from the Charity Commission and sought advice from colleagues and friends who were existing charity trustees. The trustees act as a steering committee in the management of the Charity's affairs with Keith Milsom acting as the Chair.

GHS holds an Annual General Meeting in which the Chair and the Treasurer present detailed reports and which is fully minuted. EGMs are held as and when

required. The management of the GHS is primarily conducted through a steering committee consisting of the trustees. A broader committee drawn from various officers is also convened when required. All officers and trustees are fully accountable to the members of GHS and are subject to approval and re-election (except the Club President which is an honorary role) at the AGM. New trustees can come forward for election at that meeting. If elected, they will be fully appraised by the Secretary concerning the roles and responsibilities of a trustee & given the relevant literature from the Charity Commission. Historically we have not seen the need to look outside the club membership for trustees, but we are now aiming to broaden our representation by recruiting additional trustees from the local community in particular as they form a very important part of our support base.

All major decisions that affect the Charity are taken to the AGM, debated there and voted on as necessary. Minor decisions, for example repairs to the building and other aspects of the day-to-day running of the Charity, are taken by committees or sub committees appointed specifically from these.

Golden Hill Social Club is a separate entity created in order to carry out the Charity's trading activities which are to run a bar and organise social events for its members and the local community and hire out the facilities to local fitness, pilates and painting groups for example. It has no other function other than to generate revenue for GHS. It too is accountable to the trustees (one of whom will act as its Chairman) and to the membership via the AGM when full accounts are presented. Under its Memorandum and Articles of Association, no profits can go to individuals.

Section B

1. Objectives and activities

- 1) The Charity's principal objective is to promote community participation in healthy recreation in particular by organising or providing (or assisting in the organisation or provision of) facilities for playing sport.
- 2) It was created in order to purchase the Golden Hill sports ground from its previous owners, YMCA (Bristol) and thereby to secure the ground from the threat of sale or redevelopment and thus preserve it as a green field site in perpetuity.
- 3) The Charity has inherited from the YMCA an ethos that promotes tolerance, understanding and a concern for others.
- 4) In particular, the Charity prides itself on its active youth policy and its encouragement and promotion of healthy lifestyles that is in line with government objectives and those of its various sporting agencies. In some cases we provide what some local schools cannot: playing fields, training and a supportive environment with the chance to play sport competitively.
- 5) The Charity aims to establish and maintain good relations with other sporting teams, its neighbours, local schools and with other charitable organisations.

The Charity was created in order to provide a secure and non-profit-making legal entity that could be the purchasers of the Golden Hill sports ground. The Charity has

no power to sell the land and can therefore only do so with the consent of the Charity Commission. The work of the Charity rests almost entirely on volunteers who give generously of their time and expertise. This equates to several hundred hours of unpaid time and many thousands of pounds of expert labour. In particular we would again single out for praise the efforts of the various youth team managers & coaches (both cricket and football) who are responsible for running the various sides, including training sessions and competitive matches and the parents and other family members of the youth team players for their support. Their contribution is invaluable and ensures the long-term health & viability of the Charity. The only paid positions are the two sub-contracted roles of Social Club Manager (SCM) and Groundsman. The SCM acts as a focus for the various activities and as the first point of contact for enquiries and ensures the clubhouse is secure and well run. We look to the SCM to run matters effectively, efficiently and economically & seek to maintain an acceptable level of service for existing users. We continue to try to attract additional users to increase income especially during weekdays & weekends in the autumn & winter. The position of Groundsman with responsibility for preparing and maintaining the pitches and playing areas for sports usage was re-established in 2018, replacing the contractors that filled the role at short notice in 2017.

2. Achievements and performance

Overview Since the purchase of the ground on 1 April 2008 our principal objective as stated above has been to maintain our commitment to youth and adult sport and to provide an environment where sporting activities can be enjoyed on a longterm basis. Fortunately, unlike the year before, 2022 was much less affected by Covid-19 restrictions & from spring onwards we were able to operate with increasing confidence that normal activities could go ahead unhindered & allow us to generate regular income through the various sections of the sports club. This was particularly so during the spring & summer months when we were able to take advantage of the good weather & stage several outdoor events. As a result, we have been able to revisit & revise potential projects that had been put on hold since 2020 & also contemplate new ones as well.

Football Our youth football section, Golden Hill Sonics, play & practice on site during the winter months with either coaching or matches or both normally taking place on the ground on Saturdays and Sundays between September and April. We continue to try and work with Henleaze Junior School whose property is adjacent to ours so that the youth football teams can use their ground as and when needed.

The Sonics were, thankfully, able to complete the 2022/23 season with pretty much only the weather interfering with their program from time to time. The 2023/24 season is now well under way with teams at all year groups from Under 6 to U18 with only one exception regularly taking part in practice sessions & organised games in line with the stated aim to give large numbers of youngsters the opportunity participate in football & have fun at the same time.

Cricket The cricket club were fortunate to enjoy a relatively dry & sometimes very hot first half of the summer with very few matches lost to the weather up to that point. Unfortunately it was a different story from the start of July onwards when the majority of games were rain affected in one way or another. Even so they had another good season on & off the field with several of the boys, girls & women's sides as well as the Saturday league teams enjoying some form of success, due in no small measure to the efforts of both the players & all of those behind the scenes. We again experienced very high levels of player availability for all our Saturday afternoon, women's, boys & girls teams & we have a large waiting list for youth players wishing to join the club. To cope with demand we added a second women's team, entered a seventh team into the league on Saturdays & fielded an eighth team on several occasions. Most Saturdays saw the club stage 4 home matches, 2 on our own ground & 2 on the former school sports ground a short distance away which is being leased by a local sports company with whom we have an agreement. During the week our own ground was in use virtually every evening with matches as well as practice & coaching for our men, women, girls, and boy cricketers.

We continue to liaise with residents over incidents of cricket balls being struck into their properties & in this regard the ball stop netting we installed along one section of the ground in May last year proved its worth. Throughout the 2023 season we gave advance notice to all those householders that might be affected of the date, time and type of all matches due to be played on the pitch nearest their homes and we intend to do the same again in 2024.

Social Club The function room in the pavilion saw a steady increase in user groups holding meetings & classes on a regular basis on most days of the week, the kitchen provided teas/coffees & bacon rolls on Saturday mornings during most of the football season & the bar together with a newly created picnic area with additional tables & seating proved very popular during the summer months when it was warm & dry enough to stay outside.

We held Quiz Nights & Community BBQs once again this year & these proved to be as popular & well supported as ever resulting in significant income for the club in each case. Although the weather this year for Party in the Park, our main fund raising event, was uncertain throughout it stayed dry enough to attract people in sufficient numbers enable us to make a profit in the region of £19k. We are very grateful to everyone in the local community & beyond that came along & supported us on the day & help us make it a success.

We aim to review what type of fund raising events to hold & how we go about organising them for the coming year.

Developments We again took a cautious approach to the planned projects in the face of significant increases in running costs during the year following on from the financial impact of Covid in the previous 2 years. We have kept several under review & progressed those we see as a priority & affordable. Consequently during the year expenditure mainly focused on ground equipment & materials in line with the programme of work to improve the quality of the cricket outfield & football pitches, as well as maintenance of the pavilion & the surrounds, a lot of which is essential but goes unnoticed.

Current position Despite the difficulties presented by the increase in overheads, the Charity is financially solvent for the time being. We have a large membership and we continue to try to expand the amount of sport on offer and increase the standard of sporting provision as and when funds permit. Our activities are transparent and fully accountable to our members. The AGM was held in November 2023 when relevant issues were discussed. The trustee due to stand down in rotation was duly re-elected & the eight (8) currently serving trustees are those as noted in Section A 1) d). We made it known to the membership that we would like to increase the number of trustees adding people with skills & experience that compliment those of the existing group.

3. Financial review

Detailed information is presented in the accounts dated 31 March 2023 submitted separately. We would note here that sufficient reserves are held in order that we are able to pay bills and to enable the Charity to pursue its objectives. We do not hold funds on behalf of others. All monies from the activities of Golden Hill Social Club are passed over to the Charity to help pursue its objectives.

As at the 31st March 2023 total fixed assets stood at £208,305 compared to £215,449 the previous year. During the period no fixed assets were acquired or disposed of by the charity. Depreciation charged on the fixed assets is the only movement in the year. An abbreviated balance sheet is set out below.

Balance Sheet	2022/23	2021/22	Change
Fixed Assets			
- Land and Buildings	192,000	194,000	-2,000
- Fixtures and Fittings	16,305	21,449	-5,144
	208,305	215,449	-7,144
Current Assets			
- Debtors			0
- Cash at Bank	100,847	96,010	4,837
- Investments			0
	100,847	96,010	4,837
Creditors falling due in one year			0
Total assets less current liabilities	309,152	311,459	-2,307
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	6,251	8,174	-1,923
Net Assets	302,901	303,285	-384
Total Net Assets	302,901	303,285	-384

In overall terms shareholder funds decreased from £303,285 to £302,901 a decrease of £384

It is important that the Charity balances the need to invest in its premises and facilities whilst still ensuring that it holds sufficient reserves. At the end of the financial year the Charity held current assets of £100,847 comprised solely of cash at bank.

A summary of the revenue account for the year is shown below:

Income and Expenditure	2022/23	2021/22	Change
Income			
Fundraising	14,124	42,040	-27,916
Member Contributions	155,984	76,642	79,342
GHSC	13,632	7,465	6,167
Other	43,827	46,464	-2,637
	227,567	172,611	54,956
Expenditure			
Club House Costs	6,385	12,658	-6,273
Grounds Maintenance	49,235	62,177	-12,942
Other Running Costs	161,587	62,153	99,434
Equipment		4,055	-4,055
Depreciation	10,744	10,024	720
	227,951	151,067	76,884
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-384	21,544	-21,928

The Charity raised £227,567 through voluntary income, fundraising events, grant income, member subscriptions, match fees and pitch hire. One-off large scale fundraising events (Party in the Park) returned in 2021 and occurred again during this financial year. A contribution of £13,632 was received in the year from Golden Hill Sports & Social Club.

Expenditure rose substantially again during the year, due to an increase in expenditure on playing surfaces and other running cost of the subsidiary Cricket and Football Clubs. The charity continued to utilise the services of a sole trader professional groundsman. The groundsman is also a trustee of the charity. All decisions taken by the trustees regarding ground maintenance are taken at arm's length. Regular items of expenditure were incurred to provide equipment, training, ground and pitch maintenance and governance costs.

Overall there was a statutory deficit for the year of £384

4. Plans for future periods

A review of the objectives we have set ourselves is presented below.

- a) To provide adequate fencing to secure the ground. – *The main entrance gates were replaced in 2020. A review of perimeter fencing is being carried over to 2024.*
- b) To investigate the possibility of providing netting round the ground to improve safety. *A section of ball stop netting was erected in 2022 to help protect several properties along one stretch of the ground following discussions with the residents concerned. The need for additional netting is kept under review.*
- c) To upgrade the facilities in the pavilion. *General maintenance has been carried out but as mentioned previously, we have taken a precautionary approach to other projects while our finances recover from the pandemic & the increase in general costs.*
- d) To increase the level of sponsorship – *An additional shirt sponsor for cricket section was added for the 2023 season while the main sponsors of both the cricket & football sections are continuing their support.*
- e) To attain and retain ClubMark status for cricket and thus be in a position to bid for further loans to enhance provision. *Achieved & maintained.*
- f) To extend the number of our youth teams (in both cricket and football) and expand the range of training and coaching activities. *The number of players for boys & especially girls cricket continues to rise with a corresponding increase in the number of teams we run to the point where we now have waiting lists for several age groups. Recruitment & training of coaches for these teams has also been increased to match the level of demand.*
- g) To encourage a greater participation by women and minority ethnic groups in the Charity's activities. – *A second women's cricket team was added last season with a number of the players having come from the girl's cricket section that was started 7 years ago. We have a number of minority ethnic players in our youth and adult sides.*
- h) To widen membership of the Social Club. – *Now that we can hold community events again we are looking to form an active social committee to come up with new ideas.*

We will continue to work towards these objectives over the coming months. We have expanded our activities and continue to receive significant voluntary support from our members. Their commitment should enable the Club to continue to offer sporting opportunities for youngsters and adults alike within and without the local community.

Golden Hill Sports Ltd	Charity No	1118954			
	Company No	6046640			
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01/04/2022		To	31/03/2023		

Section A Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)

Recommended categories by activity

Income (Note 3)

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies
Charitable activities
Other trading activities
Investments
Separate material item of income
Other

Total

Expenditure (Notes 6)

Expenditure on:

Raising funds
Charitable activities
Separate material expense item
Other

Total

Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period

Tax payable

Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)

Net gains/(losses) on investments

Net income/(expenditure)

Extraordinary items

Transfers between funds

Other recognised gains/(losses):

Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use
Other gains/(losses)

Net movement in funds

Reconciliation of funds:

Total funds brought forward

Total funds carried forward

Guidance Note

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
S01	170,108	-	-	170,108	118,682
S02	43,789	-	-	43,789	46,461
S03	-	-	-	-	-
S04	38	-	-	38	3
S05	-	-	-	-	-
S06	13,632	-	-	13,632	7,465
S07	227,567	-	-	227,567	172,611
S08	210,822	-	-	210,822	128,385
S09	-	-	-	-	-
S10					
S11	17,129	-	-	17,129	22,682
S12	227,951	-	-	227,951	151,067
S13	- 384	-	-	- 384	21,544
S14	-	-	-	-	-
S15	- 384	-	-	- 384	21,544
S16	-	-	-	-	-
S17	- 384	-	-	- 384	21,544
S18	-	-	-	-	
S19	-	-	-	-	-
S20	-	-	-	-	-
S21	-	-	-	-	-
S22	- 384	-	-	- 384	21,544
S23	303,285	-	-	303,285	281,741
S24	302,901	-	-	302,901	303,285



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Golden Hill Sports Ltd

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1118954

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

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:

Date:

07/11/2023

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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