



**Coniston Sports & Social Centre**  
**Annual Report and Accounts**  
**May 2023 to April 2024**



**Coniston Sports & Social Centre**

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# Coniston Sports & Social Centre

(Charity Number 1121782)

## Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 30 April 2024

# **Coniston Sports & Social Centre**

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**Reference and Administrative Details**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 April 2024.

<b>Charity name</b>	Coniston Sports & Social Centre
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1121782
<b>President</b>	Mr J Hartshorn (Appointed June 2023)
<b>Chair</b>	Mr W Watson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ms C Crisp
<b>Secretary</b>	Ms R Myers
<b>Trustees</b>	Mr N Matthews Mr W Watson Mr E Crisp Mr J P Holmes
<b>Committee</b>	Miss J Hadwin Mr L Wilkinson Mr M Wardle Mrs S Walker Mrs J Jones Ms F Devlin
<b>Centre Manager</b>	Mr M Wardle
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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Mr Darren Little Saint and Co The Old Police Station Church Street Ambleside Cumbria LA22 0BT
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank PLC 9 Highgate Kendal Cumbria LA9 4DF

## Management Committees' Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

The Management Committee present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period.

### Background

In the heart of the Lake District, Coniston Sports and Social Centre (CSSC) is a purpose built centre for all the needs of a busy village. When local man John Usher died, tragically, in 1993 he left the bulk of his estate to five village organisations of which the long-established Coniston Amateur Football Club (Coniston AFC) was one. The football club very kindly donated their legacy towards the founding of the Coniston Sports and Social.

A small committee of local volunteers was set up to co-ordinate the project and involved the securing of additional funds through local fundraising initiatives and a substantial grant from the Sport England Lottery Fund.

The project was not without problems however the commitment and dedication of this small group of local people saw the new Coniston Sports and Social Centre open its doors August 14th 2004. Coniston Sports and Social Centre is now used by locals and visitors to Coniston alike.

It has become a premier venue for functions and parties as well as acting as a base for large charity and corporate events. The gym has a keen following and the centre has accommodated several different exercise and evening classes over the years. While football is the predominate sport played at the centre others include tennis, netball, rounders, darts and even sledging and snowboarding.

Coniston Sports and Social Centre became a registered charity on the 3rd December 2007 – Registered Charity Number: 1121782

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Governing Document

The charity is an unincorporated Association with a constitution adopted 05 September 2006. It was registered with the Charities Commission on 03 December 2007.

### Management

The charity is administered by a Management Committee. The committee comprises of men and women who give up free time and energies to support the Centre. The Committee work in partnership with the Coniston Amateur Football Club to enhance and enrich the opportunities for everyone in the district of Coniston.

Honorary Officers consist of three Trustees plus President, Chair and Treasurer.

## Objectives and Activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Area of Benefit of the Charity is the inhabitants of Coniston and the surrounding area. The objects of the charity are: To provide facilities for recreation and other leisure time of people, who have need of such facilities, by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances. In addition, to provide such facilities for the Public at large in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving conditions of life.

### Objectives and activities for the Public Benefit

The Trustees have given consideration to the charity commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the objectives and in planning for future activities.

**Management Committees' Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2024****Achievements, Performance and Financial Review****Trustee's Report**

The recent year has seen more stability and security for Coniston Sports and Social Centre. The Committee has had time to assimilate and has been resolute and determined in ensuring the charity stays viable in a challenging and demanding climate. It has stayed committed to meeting the Centre's vision of promoting sports and activity within the community, as well as providing amenities and services to the people of Coniston and the surrounding area.

**Staffing**

Following the consultation that took place in 2022/23, a team of staff has been built and implemented around a core consisting of a new Centre Manager appointed in January, Centre Admin & Finance position and one of the Centre's long standing Centre Assistants. The team includes several Centre Assistants on zero-hour contracts, a Centre Cleaner and a Grounds Maintenance position. Contracts of employment have been written, agreed and provided to all staff.

**Activities**

Part of Coniston Sports and Social Centre's vision is to encourage, facilitate and promote sports and activity within the community. It is the home of Coniston AFC whom we support and maintain a close relationship with. Alongside this we continue to offer services, invest in new sporting activities, and work with external providers to ensure we have a diverse range of offerings for the local community. These can be seen below.

- GYM – Community gym offering aerobic, cardiovascular, and resistance training equipment. The gym introduced a booking system after the COVID 19 pandemic, this has been kept in place and has helped to attract new members and demographics that we have not seen using the gym facility in previous years.
- Embrace Fitness women's only personal training – This has boosted gym membership and has encouraged many women in the community to use the gym facilities and lead stronger and healthier lives.
- Women's netball training – this has seen big success and continues to grow. Committee member Sue Walker started these sessions and balls and nets were purchased through Sport England grant funding to enable this.
- Basketball training – These sessions have been run and provided by local resident Will Hardy. The balls and hoops to support this have been purchased through Sport England grant funding.
- Summer holiday activities organised by Coniston Sports and Social Centre through HP activities. This is for children aged 7-14 years and has already seen a large uptake. This will be continued into 2025 with further dates.
- Youth Club was reintroduced in early 2024. The committee and trustees have committed a large amount of time alongside local youth worker Chris Clark Youth Club has seen steady uptake and now has 15-16 regular attendees. Funding has been secured for equipment and future trips.
- Pilates takes place weekly in the main room and has a strong attendance.
- Young at Heart group run by Trustee Nick Matthews meet weekly and are regularly well attended. Easy movement and exercise are followed by a sociable lunch provided by the Centre.
- Ruskin Runners are a local running group who formed from after taking part in one of the several Couch to 5k programmes run by trustee Ed Crisp. They use the Centre as a meeting point for their runs and sometimes use the MUGA for training sessions when the weather is not favourable.
- Outdoor Activities – including Big Adventure who are based on site.
- Coniston and District Tennis Club are based at the Centre and continue to enjoy league success.

**Events**

Coniston Sports and Social Centre is home to many events throughout the year. Some are organised and facilitated by the staff, committee and trustees, whilst others by external providers who use the centre as a hub.

- Coniston bonfire and fireworks continues to be a big draw for locals and non-locals alike. People travel from as far as Kendal and even further to attend the event.
- The Keswick to Barrow/Coniston to Barrow charity event continue to use the Centre as a halfway staging post.
- Lakeland Trails relocated their Coniston based run series to use the Centre as a base, start, and finish. This saw runners taking part in 10k, half marathon and marathon distance courses taking in the surrounding area.
- Coniston Sports and Social Centre will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2024 and to mark the occasion will be holding a celebration day with events such as charity football match between Strong FC and Coniston AFC, buggy race, tug of war, bouncy castle, inflatable beat the goalie, dog show, live music etc.

**Management Committees' Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2024****Trustee's Report (cont.)****Other**

- We continue to work with the Parish Council and Emergency planning group and have installed an emergency generator on site funded by Electricity North West via the Parish Council. This will provide contingency for emergency events such as Storm Arwen which saw power cuts across the local areas.
- The Centre provides space for those affected by such events and most recently was able to provide a warm space overnight, along with food and drink for c45 people in the area that were caught in the heavy snows in early December 2023.
- The Parents and Toddlers group continue to use the Centre for their weekly meetings.
- The Monthly Charity Quiz nights have continued and have raised several thousand pounds for local charities.
- The Centre offers the only bar in the area showing live sports with Sky Sports.
- Halloween and Christmas parties for local children. These were extremely popular in 2023, and we were forced to increase capacity to cope with demand. The parties continue to be free for all children.
- Live music with local bands and singers regularly takes place at weekends and attracts a good audience. This helps raise vital funds for the charity.
- The Centre is also available for hire for events such as birthday parties and weddings, with several members of the local community holding their wedding parties on site in recent times.

**Present and Future Investment**

- Tap2Park has been a great investment and has boosted the Centre's income from parking. It has made it easier for customers to pay not only parking, but also for overnight camping which can all be done using a QR code displayed on site.
- Since the last report, the office space has been finished and now provides a designated area for the Centre Manager and Admin roles to carry out work away from the bar area.
- The Grounds Maintenance officer has coordinated and completed many improvements on site alongside committee member Lee Wilkinson who provides expertise for more complex tasks.  
Some of which include –
  - Reduction of laurel bushes behind the MUGA
  - Comprehensive cleaning of the MUGA
  - New centrepiece sign at the front of the site
  - New lights at the front of the site
  - 50 tons of fresh gravel distributed and spread over the parking area on site
  - Refurbished the stage area in the main bar area
- Alongside the netball and basketball nets, football nets and balls were also purchased to go in the MUGA for local community to use FOC.
- The Centre has also been able to secure funding and invest into a complete kitchen refurbishment. This will enable us to provide better care during emergency events such as Storm Arwen as well as improve the offering for customers.
- We are currently searching for funding sources to enable us to replace all external doors on site with improved fire doors as well as funding for energy efficient LED lighting for the MUGA.

Finally, we are looking into funding sources to upgrade several items in the community gym such as the aerobic and cardiovascular equipment.

Special thank you to our local sponsors over the years - The Coniston '14' annual road race and The Rawdon Smith Trust.

**The Trustees**



**Management Committees' Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2024**

**Chairman's Report**

A huge amount of progress has been made in the last year, this is mainly due to the tremendous effort the Committee and Trustees have put in to maintain the success of the centre. A strong committee has ensured that the Centre has been able to move forward in every aspect of our operations on site, growing our business model and ensuring we maintain our charitable objectives.

The appointment of Matthew Wardle as our new Centre Manager at the start of February, has given the Centre a huge shot in the arm regarding the day to day running of the centre, with a strong background in hospitality and management, Matthew is also a sportsman at heart and epitomises the aims and objectives of the Centre.

The thing I am most proud of is the expansion of our sporting activities, in particularly, the more diverse use of the MUGA, with new groups setting up to play basketball, netball and the large number of children from the community and beyond using it for football and general play.

A lot of the new activities, including the new youth club have been facilitated by grant funding, which has been the real success story of the last 12 months, but we intend to continue our growth within the Centre, to expand our customer base, be more agile for the needs of the area (we were recently the polling station) and look to the future needs of our strong and growing community.

This can only be achieved by growth, sustainability and grant funding from the sport's governing bodies and other community chests, such as, The Rawdon Smith Trust Fund, The Coniston 14 Race Committee, and several other groups who donate regularly to the community, and to whom we are extremely grateful.

The improvements to the Centre are running alongside the need to maintain the fabric of the building, which is now over 20 years old, and is starting to need more and more TLC as it ages. We are looking continuously to improve the layout of the building and going forward, have ambitious plans to expand.

I would like to show my thanks to the committee and trustees who over the last 12 months have proved what a great team we have here at The CSSC and have led the way in the community for supporting the people of Coniston and beyond.

**William Watson**  
**Chairman**

**Management Committees' Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2024**

**Secretary's Report**

We last held an AGM in June 2023 where the committee was formed, we elected our new President – John Hartshorn who has over the years been a huge supporter of the club in many ways, and regular in the club with his wife, Christine.

The rest of the committee was elected / re-elected and consists of four Trustees – all whom retained their position, a Treasurer, a Secretary and six further committee members (one who was standing for the cricket club and one for the football club) were appointed.

Charlotte Crisp has continued in the position of Treasurer for the Centre and has ensured all the accounting aspects of the Centre and the Charity Commissions have been completed on time and is continuing to ensure robust internal controls are being adhered to. We have held seven committee meetings since our last AGM with the sub committees covering the main areas of the Centre's work – they cover Sports Development, HR and Finance, Entertainments, Grounds and Gym, these sub committees identify and organise the work needing done and bring them to the main committee for discussion.

Several outdoor groups continue to meet at the Centre and use the facilities. We continue to offer parking for cars in our car park via the cash only parking machine and since our last AGM we have installed Tap2Park which seems to have been a huge success offering a cashless parking way to pay.

The Club is still well supported by locals and we have 156 members who regularly use the facilities including the Gym.

We have 2 new sporting clubs on offer this year after being granted funds from Sport England for Basketball and Netball equipment.

The other regular groups which we host have seen a growth in numbers this year also, these include the Parent and Toddler group, Young at Heart and Youth Club has made a return with numbers growing each month also.

We have held several music evenings which have brought many people to the Centre and much needed income. Our Monthly Charity Quiz nights are still running.

The Centre has been more proactive with advertising events this year especially on Facebook and we have grown the number of our followers to over 1,500 on our page.

For the first time this year we have been the host to the Lakeland Trails race from Coniston and the Centre was highly praised by the organisers for the site and the running of it.

Last June our Centre Manager left at short notice and we continued to run with the huge support of the Committee and staffing teams. In January we appointed a new manager – Matt Wardle, who started in his position in February. He has reintroduced doing the buffet foods for adventure groups when requested and has with the help of the committee overseen the refitting of the kitchen. We continue to employ a Centre Admin and Finance, Centre Cleaner, Centre Maintenance as well as 2 part time Centre Assistants and 4 further Centre assistants that do ad hoc shifts.

Going forward the Centre is now looking to replace the MUGA lights and update the changing rooms hopefully via funding. We are soon going to be painting the main room and updating the chair covers. New gym equipment is also on the horizon when funds allow.

The Centre has made huge progress in the past 18 months and we hope that with the continued support of our members and the local community it will always be able to offer its facilities to all that wish to use them. However, it cannot run without the support of a committee and we would appreciate any new members that can give some time to the Centre so we can make it reach its potential.

**Rebecca Myers**  
**Secretary**

**Management Committees' Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2024****Treasurer's Report****Finance**

For the financial year 2023/24 Coniston Sports & Social Centre reported a surplus of £15,554, excluding the Electricity North West kitchen grant a surplus of £5,254, versus prior year which was a loss of (£15,076). Increasing total charity funds to £39,690.

Cash in hand and bank balances as at 30th April 2024 were £19,463, we continue to aim to carry a minimum reserve of £10,000.

Total income for the year £177,813 excluding ENW kitchen grant £167,513 vs PY £173,391.

Income from the bar, food and event hire being the largest source of income at £88,158, camping £37,725, grants & donations £25,505, parking £8,333 gym £8,417 the balance made up of donations and community activities.

**Grants received:**

Electricity North West (Kitchen refurbishment)	£	10,300
Rawdon-Smith Trust (Youth Club)	£	1,500
Sport England (Netball)	£	780
Parish Council (Amenities Fund)	£	750

Our children parties were very well attended and free to all, we will be fundraising through the summer in support of this.

Total expenditure for the year £156,284 vs prior year £181,199 of which £14,921 lower bar costs due to lower income. Bar margin at 57% is consistent with prior year.

Staff payroll costs of £61,195 a decrease vs 2022/23 of £14,973 largely driven by no Centre Manager for 6 months.

A pay rise of 7% was awarded to all staff in April 2024, we continue to pay in excess of the National Living Wage, in recognition and appreciation for the loyalty from our team.

Costs relating to entertainment and TV sports subscriptions are in line with prior year, we have recently negotiated a decrease in the Sky TV subscription.

Based on prior year usage our utility contracts saw a c£4k increase, this has been mitigated down to c£1k by more efficient management of heating and electricity usage.

Total site repairs and maintenance costs of £18,370 an increase vs 2022/23 of £1,245, driven by repairs to the sit on mower and cutting of the laurel hedge which had not been done since 2019.

We have a strong culture of value for money, but now also investing in equipment of the required standard.

We will continue to upgrade the facilities as funds allow, elements of the building are now reaching the end of their useful life, we will apply for grants wherever possible when the expenditure is too large to be absorbed by our own funds.

Fixed asset equipment added in the year £3,856: gym equipment £798, dishwasher £840, freezer £660, basketball equipment £600 (Sport England funds to be received in 2024/25), 2 x laptops £958.

There was a loss on disposal of the previous dishwasher of £875, which was not fit for purpose.

The balance sheet is fully reconciled and submissions and payments to HMRC for PAYE and VAT are up to date.

The bank mandate is fully up to date.

**Management Committees' Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2024**

**Treasurer's Report (cont.)**

There is a clear separation of duties in place, with Centre Manager, Centre Finance and Treasurer operating day to day in line with the approved Financial Controls and Procedures.

There have been no breaches of internal financial controls and no reportable issues to The Charity Commission.

The 2023/24 accounts have been prepared by Saint and Co and are ready for submission to the Charity Commission.

**Governance**

All actions required by our insurance risk assessor have been completed including: DBS checks and safeguarding course for all staff/volunteers, fire risk assessment, legionella assessment, improved accident reporting/tracking, business continuity plan and safeguarding.

Sue Walker appointed Designated Safeguarding Lead

Jen Hadwin appointed Whistleblowing Officer

The following policies have been reviewed and approved by Committee:

- Adult Safeguarding
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity
- Financial Controls and Procedures
- Whistleblowing
- Youth Safeguarding

**Charlotte Crisp FCCA**  
**Treasurer**

**Management Committees' Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2024****Centre Manager's Report**

I started in my role as Centre Manager on 11th February 2024. I was already familiar with the day-to-day operation at CSSC. I have been involved for some time and have been on the committee since December 2022.

The early months of 2024 were fairly slow due to low footfall mainly caused by the poor weather. We spent this time planning improvements to the site, implementing staff training and going over procedures and policies and making changes where necessary.

The bar continues to open and offer events to entice locals to come and support us. These include music events, bands, and quizzes. We also offer SKY Sports and are now the only place in the village that offers regular live sports at weekends. Prices are kept as low as possible, and we are still the cheapest place for a drink in the village.

Staff are now all DBS checked, and we are compliant with our safeguarding policy. We needed to make some changes after a fire inspection and recommendations made have all now been put in place. All Risk Assessments have been reviewed and updated where necessary.

Improvements have been made to our Multi Use Games Area. 70 man hours were put into an extensive clean of the playing surface and subsequently new sports have been introduced to the site, mainly Netball and Basketball, and these add to football and tennis that are already heavily invested in. The grants received from Sports England for the Netball and Basketball have brought new life to CSSC with an influx of new and old faces taking up sport. This at the heart of everything we do. We still have a long way to go and the MUGA is 20 years old, future plans involve new floodlights the ones we have are in poor working order. Other plans we are looking into improving are the tennis nets, the plan is to put in removable posts for ease when transforming the area for different sports that need to be played.

We continue to offer the site for community events and there is something going on most days, some of the things on offer are Pilates, Young at Heart, Youth Club, Parents and Toddlers, and monthly quizzes, all are well attended and all are non-profit.

After Storm Arwen where the site was used as a drop-in centre and a hub for nearly a week, it was decided that we needed to make improvements to future proof CSSC in the event of a similar event happening again.

We have worked closely with Coniston Parish Council and wider parties to make this happen. We have designed and fitted a new kitchen and must thank Electricity North West for the grant that made this possible.

The improvements made increases the volume and types of food we can offer. We have also got a large generator that will power the site should the village be without power for any length of time. This will enable us to deliver hot food to those that may need it as well as somewhere for people to drop in get some warmth, hot drinks and food and even washing and shower facilities.

Camping and carparking continue to bring in valuable income and this money is invested back into the site/centre to make improvements. We have just renewed the carpark stone and are in the process of replacing windows and doors. Other jobs on the horizon are repainting the internal areas, recovering the chairs, improving the washing up areas for campers, and the decking area to the front of the building.

**Matthew Wardle**  
**Centre Manager**

Management Committees' Report for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report at their meeting and signed on its behalf by:



Mr W Watson  
Trustee

14/7/24  
Date

**Independent Examiner's Report on the Financial Statements to the Trustees of Coniston Sports & Social Centre**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30 April 2024.

**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").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is appropriate.

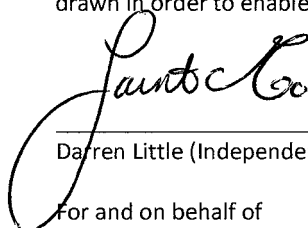
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Darren Little (Independent Examiner)

For and on behalf of

Saint & Co  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors  
The Old Police Station  
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17 July 2024 Date

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	13,345	12,160	-	25,505	9,405
Charitable activities	2	151,641	-	-	151,641	159,713
Other trading activities	2	329	-	-	329	4,244
Investments	2	338	-	-	338	29
Other		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>165,653</b>	<b>12,160</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>177,813</b>	<b>173,391</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	3	5,975	-	-	5,975	7,268
Charitable activities	3	155,504	780	-	156,284	181,199
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>161,479</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,259</b>	<b>188,467</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>		<b>4,174</b>	<b>11,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,554</b>	<b>(15,076)</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		<b>4,174</b>	<b>11,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,554</b>	<b>(15,076)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>600</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and (losses)</b>						
Other gains/(losses)	7	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>4,774</b>	<b>10,780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,554</b>	<b>(15,076)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward	11	24,136	-	-	24,136	39,212
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28,910</b>	<b>10,780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,690</b>	<b>24,136</b>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above financial periods.




## Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2024

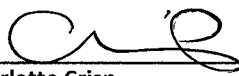
	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	7		11,610		10,276
Investments			-		-
			<u>11,610</u>		<u>10,276</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock		3,474		3,042	
Debtors	8	20,032		847	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>19,463</u>		<u>19,093</u>	
		42,969		22,982	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	9	(14,889)		(9,122)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>28,080</u>		<u>13,860</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			39,690		24,136
Creditors: Amount falling due after one year			-		-
<b>Total net assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>39,690</u>		<u>24,136</u>
<b>Funds of the academy trust:</b>					
Unrestricted funds			28,910		24,136
Restricted funds			10,780		-
Endowment funds			-		-
<b>Total funds</b>	11		<u>39,690</u>		<u>24,136</u>

**Coniston Sports & Social Centre Management Committee's Certificate**  
**Year Ended 30 April 2024**

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to Saint & Co, from which the attached accounts have been prepared, contain a full and correct record of the charity's transactions to the best of our knowledge and belief.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue and signed on their behalf by:

  
 Mr W Watson  
 Trustee

  
 Charlotte Crisp  
 Treasurer

14/7/24  
 Date

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024****1. Statement of Accounting Policies**

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

**General Information**

Coniston Sports and Social Centre is an unincorporated charity in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information page of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to provide facilities for recreation and other leisure time of people, who have need of such facilities, by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances.

**Basis of Preparation**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
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- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

**Financial Statements**

The accounts comprise two primary statements supported by notes. These statements are:

- Statement of Financial Activities: This statement discloses all capital and income resources and expenditure and contains a reconciliation of all movements of the charity's funds. The figures are analysed between general and restricted funds.
- Balance Sheet – This summarises the assets that are used by the charity to achieve its objectives.

These accounts are prepared on an accruals basis and include income and expenditure as they are earned or incurred, rather than as cash is received or paid.

**Going Concern**

The trustees do not believe that there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Income**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activity when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Grants receivable are credited to income upon entitlement.

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024****1. Statement of Accounting Policies (Continued)****Expenses**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost (in the case of donated assets the fair value at the date of acquisition) including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a reducing balance basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	10% per annum, reducing balance
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**Stock**

Stock consists of purchased goods for resale. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Items donated for resale or distribution are not included in the financial statements until they are sold or distributed.

**Debtors**

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Provisions for liabilities**

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

**Basic financial instruments**

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS 102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS 102 SORP.

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)****1. Statement of Accounting Policies (Continued)****Fund Accounting**

The charity's accounts are divided into legally distinct categories which are defined as follows:

- **Unrestricted or General funds**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

- **Designated funds**

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

- **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or 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.

Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

## 2. Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>Donations and legacies:</b>					
Grants and donations	13,345	12,160	-	25,505	9,405
Government Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Membership subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>13,345</u>	<u>12,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,505</u>	<u>9,405</u>
<i>Previous year total</i>	<u>9,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,405</u>	
<b>Charitable activities:</b>					
Bar & Food Takings	88,158	-	-	88,158	124,543
Gym Memberships	8,417	-	-	8,417	6,503
Other activities income	-	-	-	-	125
Lettings	7,658	-	-	7,658	133
Young at Heart	1,350	-	-	1,350	1,059
Car Park	8,333	-	-	8,333	3,524
Camping	37,725	-	-	37,725	23,826
	<u>151,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>151,641</u>	<u>159,713</u>
<i>Previous year total</i>	<u>159,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,713</u>	
<b>Other trading activities:</b>					
Fundraising: fireworks	-	-	-	-	-
Event income	320	-	-	320	169
Other	9	-	-	9	4,075
	<u>329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>4,244</u>
<i>Previous year total</i>	<u>4,244</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,244</u>	
<b>Income from investments:</b>					
Interest income	338	-	-	338	29
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>29</u>
<i>Previous year total</i>	<u>29</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29</u>	

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

## 3. Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>Expenditure on raising funds:</b>					
Fireworks	2,008	-	-	2,008	1,000
Event expenditure	3,967	-	-	3,967	6,268
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>5,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,975</u>	<u>7,268</u>
<i>Previous year total</i>	<u>7,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,268</u>	
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>					
Bar purchases and consumables	39,578	-	-	39,578	54,499
Wages and salaries	61,195	-	-	61,195	76,168
Entertainment, TV and licences	8,345	-	-	8,345	7,856
Young at Heart expenditure	383	-	-	383	88
Gym expenditure	604	-	-	604	258
Carpark expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities expenditure	107	-	-	107	763
Other repairs and renewals	17,590	780	-	18,370	17,125
Waste collection	4,462	-	-	4,462	4,428
Light, heat and power, water	10,512	-	-	10,512	8,705
Insurance	3,319	-	-	3,319	2,949
Rates	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone	437	-	-	437	1,046
Printing, postage and stationery	906	-	-	906	938
Volunteers travel expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges and interest	2,772	-	-	2,772	2,556
Accountancy	1,300	-	-	1,300	1,750
Depreciation	1,397	-	-	1,397	1,142
Profit/loss on disposal of equipment	875	-	-	875	-
Sundries	1,722	-	-	1,722	928
	<u>155,504</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>156,284</u>	<u>181,199</u>
<i>Previous year total</i>	<u>181,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,199</u>	

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)**

<b>4. Fees for examination of the accounts</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
Independent examiner's fees	1,000	1,750
Assurance services other than audit or independent examination	-	-
Tax advisory fees	-	-
Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner	300	-
	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,750</u>

<b>5. Staff costs</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:		
Wages and salaries	60,859	75,285
Employers' national insurance	-	-
Employer pension contributions	336	883
	<u>61,195</u>	<u>76,168</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

The average number of staff for the year was:	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Full time	1	2
Part time	6	6
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

**6. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

Ms C Crisp, the charity treasurer and partner of a trustee received an honorarium of £1,500 during the year (2023: £Nil).

No further remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

Where applicable, trustees receive reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses approved by the Committee and incurred in the performance of their duties. The amount spent in the year was £nil (2023: £Nil).

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

## 7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Furniture Fittings & Equipment	Office Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
As at 01 May 2023	-	-	18,400	-	18,400
Additions	-	-	2,898	958	3,856
Disposals	-	-	(1,250)	-	(1,250)
As at 30 April 2024	-	-	20,048	958	21,006
<b>Depreciation</b>					
As at 01 May 2023	-	-	8,124	-	8,124
Charge in year	-	-	1,205	192	1,397
Disposals	-	-	(125)	-	(125)
As at 30 April 2024	-	-	9,204	192	9,396
<b>Net book values</b>					
<b>As at 30 April 2024</b>	-	-	10,844	766	11,610
As at 01 May 2023	-	-	10,276	-	10,276

**Building**

Coniston Sports & Social Centre had in previous years expended £530,467 on the Sports & Social Centre building which was funded entirely by grants and donations. The Land on which the building is sited is owned by Coniston AFC and the charity pays a peppercorn lease of £1 per annum. The lease is due to run to February 2027.



## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

**8. Debtors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	4,359	82
Prepayments	13,512	765
Accrued income	2,161	-
VAT repayable	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>20,032</u>	<u>847</u>

**9. Creditors: Amounts Falling due Within One Year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	7,502	2,439
Taxation and social security creditors	666	(1,593)
Other creditors	365	389
VAT payable	458	4,027
Accruals and deferred income	2,165	1,000
Deferred income	<u>3,733</u>	<u>2,860</u>
	<u>14,889</u>	<u>9,122</u>

**10. Deferred Income**

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	<u>3,733</u>	<u>2,860</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 01 May 2023	2,860	-
Released from previous periods	(2,860)	-
Resources deferred in the year	<u>3,733</u>	<u>2,860</u>
Deferred income at 30 April 2024	<u>3,733</u>	<u>2,860</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

11. Funds	Balance at 01-May 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, Losses and Transfers £	Balance at 30-Apr 2024 £
<b>Restricted General Funds</b>					
Restricted general funds	-	12,160	(780)	(600)	10,780
Other funds	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,160</b>	<b>(780)</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>10,780</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General funds	13,860	163,647	(160,207)	-	17,300
Designated fund - fixtures and equipment	10,276	2,006	(1,272)	600	11,610
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>24,136</b>	<b>165,653</b>	<b>(161,479)</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>28,910</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>24,136</b>	<b>177,813</b>	<b>(162,259)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,690</b>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

**General Funds**

Funds are to there to be available to provide a productive return over time in support of the charity's aims.

**Designated Fund**

Fund representing the fixtures, fittings and equipment capitalised and reflects the value shown in the tangible fixed assets.

## Comparative information in respect of the preceeding period is as follows:

	Balance at 01-May 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, Losses and Transfers £	Balance at 30-Apr 2023 £
<b>Restricted General Funds</b>					
Restricted general funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other funds	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General funds	32,399	168,786	(187,325)	-	13,860
Designated fund - fixtures and equipment	6,813	4,605	(1,142)	-	10,276
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>39,212</b>	<b>173,391</b>	<b>(188,467)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,136</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>39,212</b>	<b>173,391</b>	<b>(188,467)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,136</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

### 12. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

Fund balances at 30 April 2024 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	11,610	-	-	11,610
Investments	-	-	-	-
Current assets	32,189	10,780	-	42,969
Current liabilities	(14,889)	-	-	(14,889)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>28,910</b>	<b>10,780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,690</b>

Comparative information in respect of the preceeding period is as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	10,276	-	-	10,276
Investments	-	-	-	-
Current assets	22,982	-	-	22,982
Current liabilities	(9,122)	-	-	(9,122)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>24,136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,136</b>

### 12. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year