



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
1st	Sept	2019	31st
From		To	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Bro Myrddin Bowls Club

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1158270

Charity's principal address Picton Terrace

Carmarthen

Postcode

SA31 3BS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr. David Docherty	Chairman		
3	Mr Paul Moggridge	Secretary		
4	Mr Elwyn Evans	Treasurer		
5	Mr Mostyn Christopher		to 27/11/2019	
5	Mrs Carole Docherty			
6	Mr Eric Anscombe		to 27/11/2019	
7	Major Dennis Barker		to 09/03/2020	
8	Mr Curtis Rance			
9	Mr Mike Mycock			
10	Mrs Sandra Thomas	Ladies Captain		
11	Mr Jon Morris	Men's Captain	From 27/03/20	
12	Mr Giovanni Masella		from 27/11/2019	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

not applicable

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitution adopted 26th Mar 2014, as amended. 2. Registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission.
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are elected by the charity's members, except the Men's and Ladies Captains who are ex-officio trustees by their offices if they wish to accept the trusteeship.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The organisational structure of the Club is designed to maximise the enthusiasm and sense of ownership of the volunteers who are drawn from the Club's members.

The Club has an arm's length relationship with its landlord, Carmarthenshire County Council.

As well as the normal business risks covered by insurance, the Club has implemented a reserves policy with the aim of securing its long-term future.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the Club are to promote and provide facilities for the amateur sport of bowls in Carmarthen for the benefit of the people of Carmarthen and the surrounding area of West Wales, with the aim of contributing to their mental and physical wellbeing.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees have carried out the purposes of the Club having regard to the public benefit by

1. Managing Bro Myrddin Bowls Centre on lease from Carmarthenshire County Council as a facility for playing outdoor and indoor bowls.
2. Through the Constitution and Rules of the Club ensuring that the Club and its facilities are open to all regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
3. The Constitution of the Club prohibits direct personal benefit.
4. The membership application forms of the club are standard and on payment of the appropriate fee, membership is automatically granted.
5. Casual bowling is also allowed on payment of a rink fee

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Club has not employed any paid staff throughout this year and the Bowls Centre has been staffed entirely by volunteers from amongst the Club's members.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We started the new financial year so well, and this continued for the first six months through into the New Year. All our income sources were up on the previous year. We were showing an increase in use of the bowls facility both indoor and outdoor. The investment in the outdoor green over the last twelve months was much appreciated by the members.

Our room letting, and the weekend rental of the rinks to the Short mat Clubs had been a success. Because of this our restaurant was performing better than ever mainly at weekends., thanks to the hard work once again by our volunteers.

Who could have predicted what was coming over the horizon, Covid 19! Like all businesses we closed down on the 17th March 2020. The country was in lockdown.

One of the questions on the membership form for the new period 2019/2020 was asking members their age. This actually threw up quite a few surprises. I was very keen to try and encourage the younger player. We had started a 'Junior programme' of bowls with our newly trained coaches in attendance. This was a complete failure; we did not attract many youngsters. We need to rethink the whole process.

The census of ages suggests we are actually targeting the wrong age group and we should be aiming more at the 45/50 ages. This is maybe where the future of the clubs survival lies. I look forward to exploring the possibilities in the future.

The saga of the new L.E.D. lighting system continued. We hoped to have had the new system installed by November 2020. We had agreed to fund the refit ourselves but Carmarthenshire County Council. wanted to run the installation under their own refurbishment programme. We had a shock when their contractors price was £86,000. for conversion of the whole building. Then out of the blue the CCC withdrew their offer of funding for the project because of the cost. We had already received our own private estimate for the work which was £36,000. for the rinks, with some added perimeter lighting. The cost, at present electricity prices, would be clawed back in five to six years. We convinced tCCC to allow us to go ahead with our own estimate. This was in November. The work eventually started in February 2020. The contractor was still working in the building when we had to close due to Covid 19. I would like to thank them for continuing the installation into the lockdown period and the work was finished at the end of April. What a difference! Really bright in the stadium now.

Earlier in 2019, the Club was very successful in winning the bid for the Welsh Champion of Champions indoor bowls tournament. A very prestigious event in the Welsh bowls calendar. I was very pleased that our Club had outbid other very well know clubs in Wales to stage the competition. The event was held over a weekend in January 2020. All went extremely well until the Sunday afternoon, which was a very cold day. During the final our number three boiler decided to shut down and no amount of coaxing could start it up again. The tension rose in the building, while the tem-

perature dropped! It was such a good game no one noticed, with Swansea, eventually taking the honours. Our own finalist, Mr John Rees, was knocked out in the first round. Thank you, to John for representing the Club.

A much deserved thank you to all the volunteers and officials who helped make it a very enjoyable weekend. We have the offer of running it again in 2021 or 2022 if we get over the Pandemic.

We have a vacancy for a Men's Captain' at the moment and we are in the process of filling the position. The captaincy is usually held for a year for both male and female positions and then we start the whole operation of election all over again. Hardly time to put any worthwhile time and effort into their reign. I would like to see this term of office held for two years if the candidates so wishes, and to get more involved in both summer and winter in the Club It's not just about Stadium games. They should be more encouraging in coaching to a good standard as well as the running the club. I would like to see them work closely with coaches and members to improve the game especially in competitions, and put Bro Myrddin on the map in stadium games. To achieve this, the Captains should have all the support from the club management they need.

Covid 19 closed the club in March. We were closed until September the 8th. This cost the club dearly both in lost revenue, and running costs while closed. The combined cost approximately £24,000. We had agreed the L.E.D. update long before the pandemic - a further £36,000 This money had been put aside for the upgrade. Fortunately our income along with the subsidy from the County Council over the past five years enabled us to cope with the closure. There were grants available for sports clubs but our standing financial position went against us.

We were not idle during lockdown. Some members formed a working bubble, (when it was legal to do so) and carried out repairs and alterations. They also decorated the office, meeting room, conference room, and restaurant. Improving the facility, keeping themselves occupied in a long period lockdown. Another team of volunteers cut the grass and kept the grounds in good order. Thank you all for a good job well done.

We reopened the Club on the 8th of September., operating under the Welsh Senedds' strict Covid regulations. We cannot rent out rooms, open the restaurant, run our bingo sessions. Short mat Clubs have not restarted; another rental loss to us. This has meant unfortunately we had to refer to full charges on the rinks. Our current membership is down about 40% on previous years. There is still a fear amongst the people which is understandable. This means that revenue is down at the moment. The Trustees will do all they can under the circumstances to improve the situation but it is very hard under the pandemic regulations. We are aware and will try our best.

I would like to thank all the Trustees and Volunteers for their hard work they put in throughout the year to keep Bro Myrddin Bowls Club open and financially viable.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have set aside in the accounts various reserves against future expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy

The Club's principal sources of funds during this year have been:-

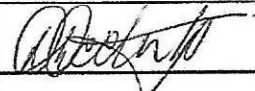
1. Membership subscriptions;
2. Rink fees;
3. Hiring fees
4. Catering profits;
5. Fund raising.

Section F

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	CA Docherty	
Full name(s)	CAROLE ANN DOCHERTY	DAVID DOCHERTY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	CHAIRMAN
Date	13 th OCTOBER. 2020	

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2020

	Unrestricted 2020 £	Unrestricted 2019 £
RECEIPTS		
Bingo Income	4,669	8,863
Car Parking		-
Donations		-
Gift Aid	1,152	1,247
Interest Received	387	57
Locker Fees	851	725
Membership Subscriptions	8,970	8,563
Misc. Income	395	669
Restaurant	11,145	19,116
Rink Fees	28,392	39,048
Room Hire	4,628	7,218
Shop Sales	1,517	1,548
WIBA Competitions Income	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>62,106</u>	<u>87,054</u>
PAYMENTS		
Independent Examiner's Fees	400	550
Affiliation Fees	1,630	1,654
Bingo Costs	35	228
Building Repairs & Maintenance	500	351
Consumables	1,237	560
Equipment	1,355	1,461
Food & Drink Supplies	6,208	8,688
Grounds Maintenance	1,872	2,769
Insurance	1,967	1,916
Lease of Equipment	-	562
Marketing Costs	-	225
Misc. Expenses	2,331	578
Rates	-	3,432
Shop Supplies	1,850	1,773
Telephone	379	315
Postage, Stationery & Sundries	522	580
TV Licence	155	151
Utilities	25,664	34,791
Rates	1,264	-
Water Rates	971	1,039
Waste Collection	512	-
WIBA Competition Expenses	250	414
Major Works	31,174	3,939
Corporation Tax	288	2,050
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>80,564</u>	<u>68,026</u>
NET RECEIPTS	(18,458)	19,028
CASH FUNDS 1 SEPTEMBER 2019 (2018)	<u>134,043</u>	<u>115,015</u>
CASH FUNDS 31 AUGUST 2020 (2019)	<u>115,585</u>	<u>134,043</u>



Dated: 24-11-20

On behalf of the Trustees



STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	Unrestricted 2020 £	Unrestricted 2019 £
CASH FUNDS		
Barclays Current Account	600	23,956
Barclays Savings Account	9,510	
Swansea building society account	45,230	50,087
Nationwide building society account	60,245	60,000
Cash in hand	-	-
Total cash funds	<u>115,585</u>	<u>134,043</u>
 EQUIPMENT		
At cost	16,806	16,806
Revaluation	<u>(6,806)</u>	<u>(6,806)</u>
At estimated market value	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

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Dated: 24-11-20

On behalf of the Trustees



INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS

I report on the accounts of the Bro Myrddin Bowls Club, which are set out on pages 1 & 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.

To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 of the Act) and to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

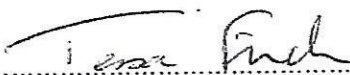
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required of 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 statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

(1) Which give me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
To keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records
have not been met.

(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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Dated: 24.11.20

Tessa Finch FMAAT

