

BLYTH CRICKET CLUB, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1159331

Details

Other names	BLYTH CRICKET CLUB
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-11-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE PLAYING OF CRICKET.

Activities: Blyth Cricket Club, Nottinghamshire is a traditional village amateur cricket club - our purpose is to support community participation in healthy recreation by playing cricket. We are open to all regardless of age, gender or ability, we are an open and inclusive club with two senior teams, a women and girls section and a thriving junior section

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£50,808	£24,546	-	-
2023-09-30	£15,516	£14,788	-	-
2022-09-30	£18,142	£22,579	-	-
2021-09-30	£47,119	£20,518	-	-
2020-03-31	£16,574	£18,667	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr MALCOLM ANDREW BUTLER	Chair	2014-11-24
ANDREW JAMES CARTER		2014-11-24
Dr BRIDGET ELIZABETH BUTLER		2014-11-24
Jemima Dalton		2018-01-27
Karen Rice		2023-01-04
Sarah Jane Middlebrook		2025-11-30
Thomas Alexander Fisher		2025-11-30

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month October	Year 2023		Day 30th	Month September	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

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Other names charity is known by NA

Registered charity number (if any) 1159331

Charity's principal address

Park Drive
Sheffield Road
Blyth
Postcode S81 8HF

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	Jack Tarr	Chair & Chair of Management Committee		
2	Andrew Carter	Secretary & Secretary of Management Committee		
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We have hosted several community events during 2024 such as the Blyth Women and Girls Softball Festival, which was one of the largest of its kind in Nottinghamshire and included many women and girls who were new to the sport. We also hosted several schools cricket events such as an inter-school cricket day for local primary schools.

Our main fundraising event this year was to host a local music festival 'Oddsock 2024' for their first event. We were also invited to run a bar, 'Clubhouse Cocktails'. This event was very successful for the Club in terms of fundraising but also in raising our profile in the local community.

As a club we continue to have several objectives for 2024-2025 and beyond which will support our charitable aims but the focus of this report is on October 2023 to September 2024 and the 2024 cricket season.

Over recent years we have developed the leading women and girls section in Bassetlaw and this continues to thrive. Our ground and facilities are maintained solely by volunteers. Our facilities are limited and struggle to meet the needs of the club especially with growing female and junior sections.

2024 Season

Trustees and Management Committee members continued to meet up for a monthly management committee/CIO meeting from October 2023 to September 2024 (apart from December 2023 when there was no meeting). Trustees and Management Committee members also kept in touch via email/phone on a regular basis even when not meeting formally. Some issues can't wait to be discussed only at a formal meeting. Examples of this can include some purchasing decisions that relate to ground maintenance. The good governance rules we have previously put in place around purchasing procedures were still adhered to. Up to £250 financial decisions can be agreed by one Trustee, from £250 - £1000 a written quote and approval at a BCC Management Committee meeting (that is quorate with Trustees) is required, with

further rules for purchases above £1K requiring two written quotes and approval at a quorate committee meeting.

In last 5 years we have carried out a considerable amount of maintenance and upgrading work to the grounds (e.g. repaired and new fencing) and changing rooms (redecorated, new carpets and furniture). The clubhouse kitchen was refurbished and the clubhouse was re-carpeted. This year we focused our attention on raising funds to upgrade our toilet and shower facilities which currently do not meet ECB standards. We identified several sources of potential funding which we applied for during the year:

- Nottinghamshire Local Communities Fund – awarded £20K
- Tritax Symmetry Park Community Benefit Fund– applications managed through Blyth Parish Council. We were awarded £10K (applied for £27K)
- Nottinghamshire County Cricket Fund – awarded £10K

The upgrading work will take place through the off-season to minimise disruption to cricket activities. The tendering process to select a company to carry out the works (in full accordance with our tendering and contracting process) was undertaken earlier in the year before we had secured all the grants but fortunately our selected contractor was willing to adapt the work to suit our funding. We aimed for work to begin in November 2024 once our funding was secure.

During this financial year we also approached our County Pitch Advisor as we are now eligible to be considered for the ECB Grass Pitch Improvement Fund. Our ground was assessed by the County Pitch Advisor who provided us with a Pitch Power Cricket Assessment in August 2024. The report provided information on the standard of our cricket ground and outlined recommendations on how to improve the quality and maintenance of our ground. The report was presented to the Management Committee at the September meeting but decisions on taking the recommendations forward will take place at the October 2024 meeting and will be part of our annual report next year.

We had significant issues with our pitch roller this season which meant we had to hire a roller in for much of the season. We identified a groundsman at a local larger club who was able to identify the problem and bring our roller back into use. A new roller would be prohibitively expensive for us (even a second hand one) so fixing our current one was a priority. Without a functioning roller we would be unable to play cricket at all on the grass wickets.

We ran two senior teams playing on a Saturday – First XI (Division 3) and Second XI teams (Division 6) in the Bassetlaw & District League. We had 44 people who played B&DCL cricket in 2024.

The women and girls section continued to develop at pace, playing softball and hardball across a range of teams all in the East Midlands Women's Cricket League North East Division:

- Women's Hardball XI in Division 1 (promoted from Division 2 last season) finished 3rd
- Super 8s hardball team, North division 1, finished 1st
- Softball team, South division 2, finished 9th

Women's cricket was mostly played on a Sunday and we had 39 players playing league cricket.

At the junior level we ran two under 9 cricket softball teams for our younger juniors (from about 5 years old) and an under 11 hardball team.

This year we also ran an under 13s hardball team in the Bassetlaw Junior Cricket League. We have also taken part in the NGDL girl's hardball with an U13s and U15s teams.

Overall we had 26 junior hardball players and 25 softball players.

Junior matches mostly took place on Sunday mornings and Monday/Tuesday nights with most summer term weeks seeing at least one junior match. We also ran hardball and softball training evening sessions on Friday nights. We have increased our junior membership slightly with a regular 'core' group taking part with good support from parents/carers.

The England & Wales Cricket Board loan is still on track to be fully paid off by November 2024 (this was taken out for essential repairs to the clubhouse rook plus replacing the electrical system).

Objectives going forward

All Charity Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising their powers and duties. Public benefit is considered and reviewed at Trustee meetings in order to fulfil their legal duty. The main areas of our objectives going forward remain essentially as they were last year:

- Fundraising – as a charity our fundraising activities form a key part of our income streams. As the village Bonfire Night will no longer be able to take place, we have tried to identify possible other fundraising activities (e.g. as a wedding venue). We were also able to host the inaugural 'OddSock Festival' in 2024
- As a local village cricket club we have identified our relationship with the wider village as an area we would like to continue to develop – our clubhouse is open when cricket is being played to players and non-players alike
- Facilities – our changing/showering facilities still do not meet guidelines for mixed/female changing areas (new shower cubicles, window covers). Clubhouse toilet facilities also do not meet current standards for disability access. We successfully accessed funding for improvement works from the ECB, Nottingham CC and a Local Community Benefit fund amounting to £40K. A successful tendering process was undertaken during the summer and a contractor chosen but work could not begin until after the season – we aim to start November 2024
- Our outdoor nets practice facilities still require improvement. We purchased a set of mobile nets in 2019 but this needs to be upgraded to a more permanent solution but the costs remain too high for this during this year
- Grounds equipment – upgrading and maintenance. The running of a cricket club to enable cricket to be played (at all levels) requires a large amount of equipment. Some of our grounds equipment is old and inefficient and needs replacing. Some of this equipment is also expensive as it is specialist in nature – a key example is the wicket roller. We managed to get this fixed just before the end of the season

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.

Blyth Cricket Club, Nottinghamshire continues to be entirely managed and run by volunteers. Without our volunteers, from ground staff to junior supervisors the club would not be able to function, or indeed exist. We are grateful for the contribution of our volunteers through 2023 and 2024.

During 2023-2024 approximately 30 different people have volunteered for the club across a wide range of activities from coaching juniors to helping with the grounds and running events.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We registered around 70 Senior members to Blyth CC in 2024. All parents/carers of our junior members are also members of the Social Club.

At our AGM Jack Tarr was voted in again as Chair and remains the Chair of the Trustee Committee. The Treasurer and Club Secretary also remain the same. No Trustees retired and we had no new Trustees join us this year. All our Trustees are committed to Blyth CC and give many hours to the club on a totally voluntary basis.

For the 2024 season the First XI team played in Division 3 in the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League and had another difficult season (finishing 9th) and dropped to Division 4 for the 2025 season. The Second team remained in Division 6 of the same league and came 5th in the Division. Our aim for the 2025 season would be to consolidate our position in the respective divisions and leagues and to attract more members to the club (not just playing members).

Women's cricket continued to develop rapidly in 2024. The women's softball team took part in the East Midlands Women's Cricket League and finished 9th. The hardball Super 8s and the XI hardball team also played as part of this league, finishing 1st and division champions and 3rd respectively.

Our Development Plan continues to list as an objective to retain and increase numbers of female players. In 2019 we had approximately 18 women players, in 2024 we had 39 female players in the league matches alone. Over recent years we have developed the leading women and girls section in Bassetlaw and this continues to grow. Our ground and facilities are maintained solely by volunteers. Our facilities are limited and struggle to meet the needs of the club especially with growing female and junior sections.

We also continue to encourage and support women and girls to play open age cricket (i.e. in mixed teams) and Blyth had the highest number of women playing mixed senior cricket in Nottinghamshire.

Women and Girls cricket continues to develop with support from the ECB – Jemima Dalton continues as Chair of the East Midlands Women's Cricket League and is also the Women & Girls Officer for Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club.

Each junior has at least one responsible adult join as a member of the

Section D

Achievements and performance

Social Club. This was about the same as previous years. Our age range was 5 to 15 years. We had several juniors playing senior Saturday cricket in 2024.

We have five ECB qualified coaches available to coach our junior section so are looking to continue to increase junior numbers going forward. We have successfully encouraged our female coaches and players to mentor and support player development and confidence.

Although some repair/upgrading work was done on the changing rooms in 2022/23 (roof repairs, new showers), we recognised that this building still needs replacing. We do not yet have suitable changing facilities for women/girls and the disabled and we chose to address this during this year.

Our facilities are also not fully accessible. We do have a permanent disabled ramp to the main clubhouse to ensure that this facility is accessible to wheelchair/mobility scooter users. We needed to ensure that our toilet facilities were brought up to standard and are accessible.

We recognised that this would be an enormous but necessary task for the club and our volunteers and have successfully identified, applied for and been awarded £40K to carry out the work. We do not own the ground we play on and this makes access to grants and other sources of funding difficult as a club so the £40K was an extremely welcome source of funding this year. The upgrading work to the toilets, showers and changing rooms will take place next year once the current season is over.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have an approved reserves policy. Trustees have developed and adopted a reserves policy in accordance with Charity Commission guidance CC19. Our policy includes:

- what level of reserves is appropriate (up to £4K depending on requirements)
- why we need to hold reserves

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

Blyth Cricket Club, Nottinghamshire principal sources of funds are:

- membership fees
- match and training fees
- sponsorship
- grants and donations
- income from the Social Club
- Membership fees remained at a similar level for 2024 (increased by £10). It is a requirement that all players must have paid membership fees in order to play cricket for Blyth. We are actively recruiting for new senior members and if successful this

adopted.

will increase our income.

- Match fees are set to cover payments to match officials and for match balls etc. Training fees (juniors) are set to cover costs of equipment, coaching and other facilities to support the playing of cricket
- We received £1K in sponsorship for our junior teams from The Angel in Blyth
- Our England and Wales Cricket Trust Interest free loan for the roof replacement and upgrading of the clubhouse electrics continues to be paid off in quarterly instalments. The loan was for £12,190 over 5 years and is due to be paid off fully by November 2024
- Our major expenditure in 2024 continues to be ground maintenance.

Section F Other optional information

Trustees previously agreed that the Social Club and CIO should have one bank account for Blyth CC – separate financial accounts will be still be kept and any money raised by the Social Club from fundraising events will be clearly noted as donations to the CIO.

Trustees will continue to review our fundraising strategy going forward. Our outside events are vulnerable to the weather for example. We need to ensure that risks are considered and managed as far as is possible and this may necessitate a change in the type of fundraising activities we focus on. This will become increasingly important as it becomes necessary to invest in new facilities at the ground. Any major expenditure for the club will require careful management by Charity Trustees.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Malcolm Butler	Andrew Carter
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	30/06/2025	

BLYTH CRICKET CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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**BLYTH CRICKET CLUB
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Bar trading account		3031		2123
Fundraising account		4260		3738
Cricket activities account		(74)		(2695)
Membership Fees		2470		2380
Grants received		25000		-
VAT recovered		83		253
Insurance Claim		-		-
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NET INCOME		34770		5799
 PREMISES COSTS				
Heat & light	1266		2203	
Water	1364		205	
Rates	-		-	
Clubhouse maintenance	404		844	
Insurance & licences	2190		2608	
SIM Card	50		-	
Refuse collection	439		527	
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		5713		6387
		29057		(588)
 ADMINISTRATION COSTS				
Bank charges	195		(8)	
Miscellaneous fees	0		2300	
Professional & audit fees	618		-	
Postage, stationery & telephone	0		5900	
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		813		74
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		28244		(662)
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**BLYTH CRICKET CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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 2005).

Revenue

Revenue, described as turnover, is the value of goods (net of VAT) provided to customers during the year and/or the value of work (net of VAT) performed during the year with respect to services.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Operating lease rentals

All other leases are treated as operating lease rentals. The annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a payable basis.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

	£	£
	2024	2023
Capital expenditure - Not included in the Income & Expenditure account	<u>2438</u>	<u>2438</u>

**BLYTH CRICKET CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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	2024			2023	
	£	£		£	£
BAR TRADING ACCOUNT					
Bar & food sales		6091			4291
Cost of sales					
Opening Stock	140			140	
Bar & food purchases	3060			2168	
Less Closing Stock	<u>140</u>			<u>140</u>	
		3060			2168
NET BAR INCOME		<u><u>3031</u></u>	498%		<u><u>2123</u></u>
					495%
FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT					
Fundraising & sundry income		471			322
From BCC Social Club		2005			2450
Sponsorship & donations		1425			1050
BBQ income (net of costs)		344			373
Less Fundraising costs		0			(60)
Less Entertainment (club events)		<u>15</u>			<u>(397)</u>
NET FUNDRAISING INCOME		<u><u>4260</u></u>			<u><u>3738</u></u>
CRICKET ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT					
INCOME					
Match & training fees - Senior		4053			2937
Match & training fees - Junior		1760			1479
Match & training fees - Women		3646			1806
Match & training fees - Various		<u>-</u>			<u>808</u>
		9459			7030
EXPENDITURE					
Coaching & training expenses	702			682	
Match expenses	860			-	
Umpires & scorers	2114			2042	
Teas	-			-	
Cricket equipment	1501			1618	
Petrol & diesel	201			354	
Grounds maintenance	3566			3597	
Trophies & photos	291			702	
Leagues & affiliation fees	298			730	
Fines	<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>	
		9533			9725
NET LOSS ON CRICKET ACTIVITIES		<u><u>(74)</u></u>			<u><u>(2695)</u></u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Blyth Cricket Club

We have examined the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account and related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out herein and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. The report is made solely to the club's members, as a body. Our examination has been undertaken so that we might state to the club's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any other than the club's members as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report or the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Management Committee and Independent Examiners

As described in the Statement of the Committee of Management's Responsibilities, the committee are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards and United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice.

Our responsibility is to examine financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements are properly in accordance with the accounting records. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the club has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our examination, or if any information specified by law regarding committee members' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given under accounting standards. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as committee members 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 statement above.

Independent Examiner's Report

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance; and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and with the method and principles of UK GAAP 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

Jon Lister FCCA
Enterprise Chartered Certified Accountants

Blyth Cricket Club

Statement of Management Committees' Responsibilities

Management committee are required to prepare the financial accounts for each financial period which give a true view of the state of affairs of the club and of the surplus or deficit of the club for that period. In preparing those financial statements we are required to;

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the club will continue in business.

The management committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the club and to enable that the financial statements are compliant. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the club and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Committee

Club Secretary

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We have hosted several community events during 2023 such as the Bassetlaw Girls Secondary Schools Softball Festival and the Bassetlaw Primary Schools Kwik Cricket Finals day. The 2023 Blyth Women and Girls Softball Festival was the largest of its kind in Nottinghamshire, with over 90 women and girls taking part in cricket matches during the day, including many who were new to the sport. We have also hosted a large wedding for a local couple.

As a club we have several objectives for 2023-2024 and beyond which will support our charitable aims but the focus of this report is on October 2022 to September 2023 and the 2023 cricket season.

Over recent years we have developed the leading women and girls section in Bassetlaw and this continue to grow. Our ground and facilities are maintained solely by volunteers. Our facilities are limited and struggle to meet the needs of the club especially with growing female and junior sections.

2023 Season

Trustees and Committee members continued to meet up for a monthly committee/CIO meeting from October 2022 to September 2023 apart from December 2022 when there was no meeting. Trustees and Committee members also kept in touch via email/phone on a regular basis even when not meeting formally. Some issues can't wait to be discussed only at a formal meeting. Examples of this can include some purchasing decisions that relate to ground maintenance. The good governance rules we have previously put in place around purchasing procedures were still adhered to. Up to £250 financial decisions can be agreed by one Trustee, from £250 - £1000 a written quote and approval at a BCC Committee meeting (that is quorate with Trustees) is required, with further rules for purchases above £1K requiring two written quotes and approval at a quorate committee meeting.

In last 3 years we carried out a considerable amount of maintenance and upgrading work to the grounds (e.g. repaired and new fencing) and changing rooms (redecorated, new carpets and furniture). The clubhouse kitchen was refurbished and the clubhouse was re-carpeted. This has meant that this year we have not carried out any significant upgrading work and have again focused on the usual maintenance of the grounds/buildings/equipment.

We ran two senior teams playing on a Saturday – First XI (Division 2) and Second XI teams (Division 6) in the Bassetlaw & District League. We had 48 people who played B&DCL cricket in 2023.

The women and girls section continued to develop at pace, playing softball and hardball across a range of teams: Women's Hardball XI in Division 2, a Super 8s hardball team, division 1, plus a softball team, division 2, all in the East Midlands Women's Cricket League North East Division. Women's cricket was mostly played on a Sunday and we had 30 players in this league.

At the junior level we ran two under 9 cricket softball teams for our younger juniors (from about 5 years old) and an under 11 hardball team. This year we also ran an under 13s hardball team in the Bassetlaw Junior Cricket League. We have also taken part in the NGDL girl's hardball with an U13s and U15s teams. Junior matches mostly took place on Sunday mornings and Monday nights with most summer term weeks seeing at least one junior match. The junior section had a good season with many wins. We also ran hardball and softball training evening sessions on Friday nights. We have increased our junior membership slightly with a regular 'core' group taking part with good support from parents/carers.

Our main 'non-cricket' fundraising activity this year was hosting a wedding for a Blyth couple and we managed to raise approximately £2K from running the bar for them. This event as non-cricket event comes under BCC Social Club and 100% of the money raised was passed onto the CIO.

The England & Wales Cricket Board loan is on track to be fully paid off by November 2024 (this was taken out for essential repairs to the clubhouse rook plus replacing the electrical system).

Objectives going forward

All Charity Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising their powers and duties. Public benefit is considered and reviewed at Trustee meetings in order to fulfil their legal duty. The main areas of our objectives going forward remain essentially as they were last year:

- Fundraising – as a charity our fundraising activities form a key part of our income streams. As the village Bonfire Night will no longer be able to take place, we have tried to identify possible other fundraising activities (e.g. as a wedding venue). We also hope to host the inaugural 'OddSock Festival' in 2024
- As a local village cricket club we have identified our relationship with the wider village as an area we would like to continue to develop – our clubhouse is open when cricket is being played to players and non-players alike
- Facilities – our changing/showering facilities still do not meet guidelines for mixed/female changing areas (new shower cubicles, window covers). Clubhouse toilet facilities also do not meet current standards for disability access. We will continue to try and access funding for improvement works from the ECB and have also identified funding streams via the Parish Council to access funds from a large company that has recently developed a site near Blyth
- Our outdoor nets practice facilities still require improvement. We purchased a set of mobile nets in 2019 but this needs to be upgraded to a more permanent solution but the costs remain high for this
- Grounds equipment – upgrading and maintenance. The running of a cricket club to enable cricket to be played (at all levels)

requires a large amount of equipment. Some of our grounds equipment is old and inefficient and needs replacing. Some of this equipment is also expensive as it is specialist in nature

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.

Blyth Cricket Club, Nottinghamshire continues to be entirely managed and run by volunteers. Without our volunteers, from ground staff to junior supervisors the club would not be able to function, or indeed exist. We are grateful for the contribution of our volunteers through 2022 and 2023.

During 2022-2023 approximately 25 different people have volunteered for the club across a wide range of activities from coaching juniors to helping with the grounds and running events.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We registered around 70 Senior members to Blyth CC in 2023. All parents/carers of our junior members are also members of the Social Club.

At our AGM Jack Tarr was voted in again as Chair and remains the Chair of the Trustee Committee. The Treasurer and Club Secretary also remain the same. No Trustees retired and we had no new Trustees join us this year. All our Trustees are committed to Blyth CC and give many hours to the club on a totally voluntary basis.

For the 2023 season the First XI team played in Division 2 in the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League and had another difficult season (finishing 8th). The Second team remained in Division 6 of the same league. At the end of the 2023 season, there was a proposal put to members at the AGM to ask the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League if our first team could voluntarily drop down to division 3 for the 2024 season. Our aim for the 2024 season would be to consolidate our position in the respective divisions and leagues and to attract more members to the club (not just playing members).

Women's cricket continued to develop rapidly in 2023. The women's softball team took part in the East Midlands Women's Cricket League and finished 8th. The hardball Super 8s and the XI hardball team also played as part of this league, finishing 3rd and division champions respectively – the hardball team played 12 matches and won all of them.

Our Development Plan continues to list as an objective to retain and

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increase numbers of female players. In 2019 we had approximately 18 women players, in 2023 we had 30 female players in the league matches alone. Over recent years we have developed the leading women and girls section in Bassetlaw and this continues to grow. Our ground and facilities are maintained solely by volunteers. Our facilities are limited and struggle to meet the needs of the club especially with growing female and junior sections.

We also continue to encourage and support women and girls to play open age cricket (i.e. in mixed teams) and Blyth had the highest number of women playing mixed senior cricket in Nottinghamshire.

Women and Girls cricket continues to develop with support from the ECB – Jemima Dalton continues as Chair of the East Midlands Women’s Cricket League and is also the Women & Girls Officer for Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club.

Each junior has at least one responsible adult join as a member of the Social Club. This was about the same as previous years. Our age range was 5 to 15 years. We had 8 juniors playing senior Saturday cricket in 2023.

We have five ECB qualified coaches available to coach our junior section so are looking to continue to increase junior numbers going forward. We have successfully encouraged our female coaches and players to mentor and support player development and confidence.

Some repair/upgrading work was done on the changing rooms in 2022/23 (roof repairs, new showers), but this building still needs replacing. We do not yet have suitable changing facilities for women/girls and the disabled. Our facilities are also not fully accessible. We do have a permanent disabled ramp to the main clubhouse to ensure that this facility is accessible to wheelchair/mobility scooter users. We still need to ensure that our toilet facilities are brought up to standard and are accessible.

This will still be an enormous but necessary task for the club and our volunteers. We do not own the ground we play on and this makes access to grants and other sources of funding difficult. We are hoping to access some funds through the Parish Council from a local large company that has moved to the Blyth area.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

We have an approved reserves policy. Trustees have developed and adopted a reserves policy in accordance with Charity Commission guidance CC19. Our policy includes:

- what level of reserves is appropriate (up to £4K depending on requirements)
- why we need to hold reserves

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 adopted.

Blyth Cricket Club, Nottinghamshire principal sources of funds are:

- membership fees
 - match and training fees
 - sponsorship
 - grants and donations
 - income from the Social Club
- Membership fees remained at the same level for 2023. It is a requirement that all players must have paid membership fees in order to play cricket for Blyth. We are actively recruiting for new senior members and if successful this will increase our income.
 - Match fees are set to cover payments to match officials and for match balls etc. Training fees (juniors) are set to cover costs of equipment, coaching and other facilities to support the playing of cricket
 - We received £1000 in sponsorship for our junior teams from The Angel in Blyth
 - Our England and Wales Cricket Trust Interest free loan for the roof replacement and upgrading of the clubhouse electrics continues to be paid off in quarterly instalments. The loan was for £12,190 over 5 years and is due to be paid off fully by November 2024
 - Our major expenditure in 2023 continues to be ground maintenance.

Section F Other optional information

Trustees previously agreed that the Social Club and CIO should have one bank account for Blyth CC – separate financial accounts will be still be kept and any money raised by the Social Club from fundraising events will be clearly noted as donations to the CIO.

Trustees will continue to review our fundraising strategy going forward. Our outside events are vulnerable to the weather for example. We need to ensure that risks are considered and managed as far as is possible and this may necessitate a change in the type of fundraising activities we focus on. This will become increasingly important as it becomes necessary to invest in new facilities at the ground such as changing rooms etc. This will be a major expenditure for the club and will require careful management by Charity Trustees.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Malcolm Butler	Andrew Carter
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary

Date 30/06/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Blyth Cricket Club

We have examined the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account and related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out herein and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. The report is made solely to the club's members, as a body. Our examination has been undertaken so that we might state to the club's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any other than the club's members as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report or the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Management Committee and Independent Examiners

As described in the Statement of the Committee of Management's Responsibilities, the committee are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards and United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice.

Our responsibility is to examine financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements are properly in accordance with the accounting records. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the club has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our examination, or if any information specified by law regarding committee members' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

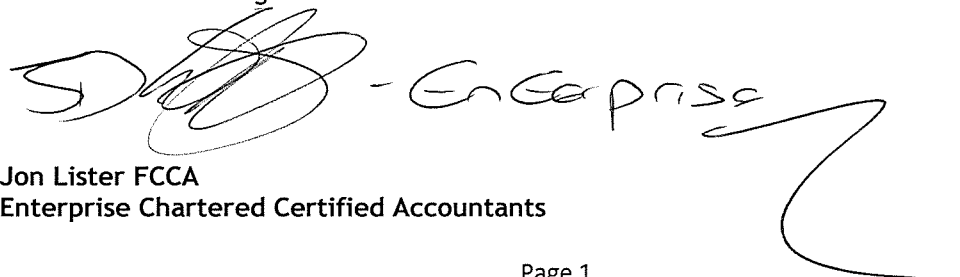
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given under accounting standards. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as committee members 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 statement above.

Independent Examiner's Report

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance; and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and with the method and principles of UK GAAP 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

 - Enterprise

Jon Lister FCCA
Enterprise Chartered Certified Accountants

Blyth Cricket Club**Statement of Management Committees' Responsibilities**

Management committee are required to prepare the financial accounts for each financial period which give a true view of the state of affairs of the club and of the surplus or deficit of the club for that period. In preparing those financial statements we are required to;

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the club will continue in business.

The management committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the club and to enable that the financial statements are compliant. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the club and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Committee

Club Secretary

BLYTH CRICKET CLUB, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1159331

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	Day 1st	Month October	Year 2021		Day 30th	Month September

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	BLYTH CRICKET CLUB, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Other names charity is known by	NA
Registered charity number (if any)	1159331
Charity's principal address	Park Drive
	Sheffield Road
	Blyth
	Postcode S81 8HF

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	Jack Tarr	Chair		
2	Andrew Carter	Secretary		
3	Malcolm Butler	Treasurer		
4	Bridget Butler	Administrator & Committee Member		
5	Jemima Dalton	2 nd XI Captain, Womens & Girls Lead, Junior Coordinator		
6	Karen Rice	Committee Member		
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial Audit	Enterprise Accountants	8 Castlegate, Tickhill, South Yorkshire, DN11 9QU

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Association Model Constitution, dated 2 nd June 2014
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by club membership

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.

We are a small local village cricket club and as such our organisational structure is relatively straightforward. As a club we operate within the English & Wales Cricket Board, Bassetlaw and District Cricket League, East Midlands Women's Cricket League and Nottinghamshire Cricket Board and abide by their regulations where relevant. We currently have six Charity Trustees who manage the charity to ensure that our charitable objects are met. Three Trustees retired during 2021-2022 and a new Trustee joined us.

As a Club we have separated out cricket activities from the management of the Clubhouse and fundraising activities in financial terms. Non-cricket activities such as fundraising are managed through the Blyth CC Committee separately and any money raised being passed on to the CIO. Blyth CC Committee meets on a monthly basis, with Charity Trustees sitting on the Committee. There is a standing agenda item for Fundraising and another for CIO management.

Our accounting year now starts in October and runs to September. This Annual Report covers the period from October 2021 to September 2022.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the CIO is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of cricket.

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)

Blyth Cricket Club is a traditional village amateur cricket club where we aim to provide healthy recreation for all by playing cricket in an open and supportive environment.

As in previous years we have continued to work hard to be an approachable club to attract new senior and junior players and those who want to take part in cricket by being part of the club as junior volunteers, ground maintenance etc. for future seasons.

As a club we have several objectives for 2022-2023 and beyond which will support our charitable aims but the focus of this report is on October 2021 to September 2022 and the 2022 cricket season.

2022 Season

Trustees and Committee members continued to meet up for a monthly committee/CIO meeting from October 2021 to September 2022 apart from December 2021 when there was no meeting. Trustees and Committee members also kept in touch via email/phone on a regular basis even when not meeting formally. Some issues can't wait to be discussed only at a formal meeting. Examples of this can include some purchasing decisions that relate to ground maintenance. The good governance rules we have previously put in place around purchasing procedures were still adhered to. Up to £250 financial decisions can be agreed by one Trustee, from £250 - £1000 a written quote and approval at a BCC Committee meeting (that is quorate with Trustees) is required, with further rules for purchases above £1K requiring two written quotes and approval at a quorate committee meeting.

In 2020-2021 we carried out a considerable amount of maintenance and upgrading work to the grounds (e.g. repaired and new fencing) and changing rooms (redecorated, new carpets and furniture). The clubhouse kitchen was refurbished and the clubhouse was re-carpeted. This has meant that this year we have not carried out any significant upgrading work and have focused on the usual maintenance of the grounds/buildings/equipment.

We ran two senior teams playing on a Saturday – First XI (Division 1) and Second XI teams (Division 6) in the Bassetlaw & District League. The women and girls section continued to develop at pace, playing softball and hardball across a range of teams: Womens Hardball XI, a Super 8s hardball team, plus a softball team in the East Midlands Women's Cricket League North East Division. Women's cricket was mostly played on a Sunday.

At the junior level we ran two under 9 cricket softball teams for our younger juniors (from about 5 years old) one of which was a girls team and an under 11 hardball team. Junior matches mostly took place on Sunday mornings and Monday nights with most summer term weeks seeing at least one junior match. The junior section had a good season with many wins. We also ran hardball and softball training evening sessions on Friday nights. We have increased our junior membership slightly post-Covid with a regular 'core' group taking part with good support from parents/carers.

Our main fundraising activity used to be running the annual village 'Bonfire Night' (this was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid) and due to a landowner change we will not be able to run this event at Blyth CC site, in its original format. We were, however, fortunate to host a Village Jubilee event in June 2022. This event was well attended, and

enjoyed by the local community, and we raised approximately £1.5K.

The England & Wales Cricket Board also suspended our loan payments for several quarters in 2020-2021, but these payments have now started up again (and the loan is on track to be fully paid off by November 2024).

Objectives going forward

All Charity Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising their powers and duties. Public benefit is considered and reviewed at Trustee meetings in order to fulfil their legal duty. The main areas of our objectives going forward remain essentially as they were last year:

- Fundraising – as a charity our fundraising activities form a key part of our income streams. As the village Bonfire Night will no longer be able to take place in the foreseeable future, we urgently need to identify possible other fundraising activities (e.g. as a wedding venue)
- As a local village cricket club we have identified our relationship with the wider village as an area we would like to continue to develop – our clubhouse is open when cricket is being played to players and non-players alike
- Facilities – our changing/showering facilities still do not meet guidelines for mixed/female changing areas (new shower cubicles, window covers). Clubhouse toilet facilities also do not meet current standards for disability access. We will continue to try and access funding for improvement works from the ECB
- Our outdoor nets practice facilities still require improvement. We purchased a set of mobile nets in 2019 but this needs to be upgraded to a more permanent solution but the costs remain high for this
- Grounds equipment – upgrading and maintenance. The running of a cricket club to enable cricket to be played (at all levels) requires a large amount of equipment. Some of our grounds equipment is old and inefficient and needs replacing. Some of this equipment is also expensive as it is specialist in nature

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.

Blyth Cricket Club, Nottinghamshire continues to be entirely managed and run by volunteers. Without our volunteers, from ground staff to junior supervisors the club would not be able to function, or indeed exist. We are grateful for the contribution of our volunteers through 2021 and 2022.

During 2021-2022 approximately 20 different people have volunteered for the club across a wide range of activities from coaching juniors to helping with the grounds.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We registered around 70 Senior members to Blyth CC in 2022. All parents/carers of our junior members are also members of the Social Club.

At our AGM Jack Tarr was voted in again as Chair and remains the Chair of the Trustee Committee. The Treasurer and Club Secretary also remain the same. Three Trustees retired and we had one new Trustee join us.

For the 2022 season the First XI team played in Division 1 in the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League and had a difficult season. The Second team remained in Division 6 of the same league. The First XI finished the 2022 season being dropped to Division 2 of the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League. Our aim for the 2023 season would be to consolidate our position in the respective divisions and leagues and to attract more members to the club (not just playing members).

Women's cricket continued to develop rapidly in 2022. The women's softball team took part in the East Midlands Women's Cricket League. The hardball Super 8s and the XI hardball team also played as part of this league. Our Development Plan lists as an objective to retain and increase numbers of female players. In 2019 we had approximately 18 women players, in 2021 we had 41 females playing in women's/senior matches. In 2022 season several women were also playing in the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League teams on a Saturday. The Women's XI played in the 2nd division in their first ever season and won their division and will be promoted for the 2023 season.

We also continue to encourage and support women and girls to play open age cricket (i.e. in mixed teams) and Blyth had the highest number of women playing mixed senior cricket in Nottinghamshire.

Women and Girls cricket continues to develop with support from the ECB – Jemima Dalton continues as Chair of the East Midlands Women's Cricket League and is now also employed as the Women & Girls Officer for Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club.

Each junior has at least one responsible adult join as a member of the Social Club. This was about the same as previous years. Our age range was 5 to 15 years. We have increased the number of girls playing in our junior teams – in 2019 we had 2 girls playing in league matches and in 2022, we had 10 girls in league matches at U9 and U11 level. We had another 5 12-16 girls playing in senior cricket.

We have several qualified coaches available to coach our junior section so are looking to increase junior numbers going forward. We have encouraged our female coaches and players to mentor and support player development and confidence.

Some repair/upgrading work was done on the changing rooms in 2021/22, but this building still needs replacing. The latest work extended its life span by at least another 5 years. We do not yet have suitable changing facilities for women/girls and the disabled. Our facilities are

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also not fully accessible. We do have a permanent disabled ramp to the main clubhouse to ensure that this facility is accessible to wheelchair/mobility scooter users. We still need to ensure that our toilet facilities are brought up to standard and are accessible.

This will still be an enormous but necessary task for the club and our volunteers. We do not own the ground we play on and this makes access to grants and other sources of funding difficult.

The new kitchen was well used in 2022 season (we obtained English & Wales Cricket funding of £10K for the new kitchen area in the clubhouse). Although the kitchen was completed in 2020 (using £5K of our own funds as well) we were unable to use it until the 2021 season due to Covid restrictions.

The village Jubilee event in June 2022 was well attended by local people and we raised £1.5K towards club funds. Although a successful event we will need to adapt this format for possible future events as the annual Bonfire night will not be taking place going forward.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have an approved reserves policy. Trustees have developed and adopted a reserves policy in accordance with Charity Commission guidance CC19. Our policy includes:

- what level of reserves is appropriate (up to £4K depending on requirements)
- why we need to hold reserves

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 adopted.

Blyth Cricket Club, Nottinghamshire principal sources of funds are:

- membership fees
- match and training fees
- sponsorship
- grants and donations
- income from the Social Club
- Membership fees were raised slightly for 2022 having been the same in 2021 as in 2019 (we didn't charge membership in 2020). It is a requirement that all players must have paid membership fees in order to play cricket for Blyth. We are actively recruiting for new senior members and if successful this will increase our income.
- Match fees are set to cover payments to match officials and for catering. Training fees (juniors) are set to cover costs of equipment, coaching and other facilities to support the playing of

cricket

- We received £1000 in sponsorship for our junior teams from The Angel in Blyth
- Our England and Wales Cricket Trust Interest free loan for the roof replacement and upgrading of the clubhouse electrics continues to be paid off in quarterly instalments, although our payments were suspended during 2020 and into 2021 due to Covid. The loan was for £12,190 over 5 years and is due to be paid off fully by November 2024
- Our major expenditure in 2022 was a new mower that cost £4.6K.

Section F Other optional information

Trustees previously agreed that the Social Club and CIO should have one bank account for Blyth CC – separate financial accounts will still be kept and any money raised by the Social Club from fundraising events will be clearly noted as donations to the CIO.

Trustees will continue to review our fundraising strategy going forward. Our outside events are vulnerable to the weather for example. We need to ensure that risks are considered and managed as far as is possible and this may necessitate a change in the type of fundraising activities we focus on. This will become increasingly important as it becomes necessary to invest in new facilities at the ground such as changing rooms etc. This will be a major expenditure for the club and will require careful management by Charity Trustees.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Malcolm Butler	Andrew Carter
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	30/06/2023	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Blyth Cricket Club

We have examined the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account and related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out herein and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. The report is made solely to the club's members, as a body. Our examination has been undertaken so that we might state to the club's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any other than the club's members as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report or the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Management Committee and Independent Examiners

As described in the Statement of the Committee of Management's Responsibilities, the committee are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards and United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice.

Our responsibility is to examine financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements are properly in accordance with the accounting records. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the club has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our examination, or if any information specified by law regarding committee members' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given under accounting standards. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as committee members 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 statement above.

Independent Examiner's Report

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance; and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and with the method and principles of UK GAAP 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

Jon Lister FCCA
Enterprise Chartered Certified Accountants

Blyth Cricket Club**Statement of Management Committees' Responsibilities**

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the club will continue in business.

The management committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the club and to enable that the financial statements are compliant. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the club and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Committee

Club Secretary

BLYTH CRICKET CLUB, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1159331

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	Day 1st	Month April	Year 2020		Day 30th	Month September

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	BLYTH CRICKET CLUB, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Other names charity is known by	NA
Registered charity number (if any)	1159331
Charity's principal address	Park Drive
	Sheffield Road
	Blyth
	Postcode S81 8HF

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	Jack Tarr	Chair		
2	Andrew Carter	Secretary, 2 nd XI Vice Captain		
3	Malcolm Butler	Treasurer		
4	Bridget Butler	Administrator		
5	Jemima Dalton	2 nd XI Captain, Womens & Girls Lead, Junior Coordinator		
6	Annie Edwards	Womens Softball captain		
7	Alan Toft			
8	Andrew Toft			

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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As a Club we have separated out cricket activities from the management of the Clubhouse and fundraising activities in financial terms. Non-cricket activities such as fundraising are managed through the Blyth CC Committee separately and any money raised being passed on to the CIO. Blyth CC Committee meets on a monthly basis, with Charity Trustees sitting on the Committee. There is a standing agenda item for Fundraising and another for CIO management.

This year Trustees decided to change our accounting period on the advice of the Treasurer so our accounting year now starts in October and runs to September. This means that this Annual Report covers a slightly longer period from April 2020 to September 2021. We will return to a normal annual return period from October 2021 to September 2022.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the CIO is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of cricket.

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)

Blyth Cricket Club is a traditional village amateur cricket club where we aim to provide healthy recreation for all by playing cricket in an open and supportive environment. This was obviously overshadowed by the Covid pandemic for the 2020 and 2021 seasons and continues to affect the club now.

However, despite Covid and associated restrictions, as in previous years we have continued to work hard to be an approachable club to attract new senior and junior players and those who want to take part in cricket by being part of the club as junior volunteers, ground maintenance etc. for future seasons.

As a club we have several objectives for 2022 and beyond which will support our charitable aims – these are detailed at the end of this section below.

2020 Season

Lockdown in March 2020 meant that there was very little activity at the club for many months. It was impossible for Trustees and Committee members to meet up until July 2020. Trustees and Committee members did however keep in touch via email/phone and the club continued to function in that sense. The good governance rules we had put in place around purchasing for example, were still adhered to. We also began to hold Blyth CC Committee meetings online – these were well attended.

As restrictions eased slightly we were able to carry out some much needed maintenance and upgrading work to the grounds (e.g. repaired and new fencing) and changing rooms (redecorated, new carpets and furniture). The clubhouse kitchen was refurbished (details in section D) – as part of this we were able to re-carpet the clubhouse.

In July 2020 the ECB set out how, as a club, we could play cricket again in a Covid safe manner. We were unable to open the Clubhouse (apart from the toilets) for the remainder of the season and we could no longer hold a cricket tea during matches (among many other changes and requirements). The closure of the clubhouse in particular had a large impact on our bar revenue.

Despite the restrictions we were able to play some games of cricket. Our First team was able to play in Division 2 of the Bassetlaw & District League on Saturdays through to September. We were unable to hold any junior cricket matches in 2020. As restrictions eased we were able to offer some 1:1 coaching sessions for the juniors and later on some small group coaching. This was very successful for those who attended. We were unable to play any womens hardball cricket but later in the season we did participate in the East Midlands Women's Cricket League North East Division with softball team.

Due to Covid, our main fundraising activity, 'Bonfire Night' in 2020 was cancelled and there was no income from Blyth Social Club.

2021 Season

With the easing of Covid restrictions in Spring 2021 we were able to return to some kind of normality. We ran two senior teams playing on a Saturday – First XI and Second XI teams. The women and girls section continued to develop at pace, playing softball and hardball across a range of teams: Womens Hardball XI, Super 8s hardball team plus a softball team. Womens cricket was mostly played on a Sunday.

At the junior level we ran two under 9 cricket softball teams for our younger juniors (from about 5 years) one of which was a girls team and an under 11 hardball team. Junior matches mostly took place on Sunday mornings and Monday nights with most summer term weeks seeing at least one junior match. The junior section had a good season with many wins. We also ran hardball and softball training evening sessions. Our Friday night softball training sessions were somewhat restricted due to Covid but were popular with a group of youngsters. We would hope to increase our junior members as restrictions continue to ease. We have approximately 30 children registered as part of our junior section.

Due to Covid, our main fundraising activity, 'Bonfire Night' in 2021 was again cancelled and there was no income from Blyth Social Club. This has had a severe impact on Blyth CC, although we have managed to secure several Covid grants from Bassetlaw District Council (amounting to £21.6K). The England & Wales Cricket Board also suspended our loan payments for several quarters, which helped our financial situation.

A new fundraising activity for 2021 was 'Player sponsors'. Each playing member was encouraged to find a sponsor for the season. We raised £1,250 in this way. We will aim to continue this fundraising activity through 2022.

We were able to return to face to face Blyth CC Committee meetings (with an online version) in 2021. Our club AGM also took place face to face in the clubhouse. We were able to open the clubhouse in July 2021.

Objectives going forward

All Charity Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising their powers and duties. Public benefit is considered and reviewed at Trustee meetings in order to fulfil their legal duty. This continued throughout the various lockdowns and periods in between.

- Fundraising – as a charity our fundraising activities form a key part of our income streams. Bonfire Night is our major fundraiser in the year and after two cancelled years we will look to reinstate this activity in 2022
- As a local village cricket club we have identified our relationship with the wider village as an area we would like to develop – the refurbishment of the kitchen for example may provide opportunities for those who don't play cricket to access our facilities
- Facilities – our changing/showering facilities do not meet guidelines for mixed/female changing areas (new shower cubicles, window covers). Clubhouse toilet facilities also do not meet current standards for disability access. We will try and access funding for improvement works from the ECB
- Our outdoor nets practice facilities require improvement. We purchased a set of mobile nets in 2019 but this needs to be upgraded to a more permanent solution
- Grounds equipment – upgrading and maintenance. The running of a cricket club to enable cricket to be played (at all levels) requires a large amount of equipment. Some of our grounds equipment is old and inefficient and needs replacing. Some of this equipment is also expensive as it is specialist in nature

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

Blyth Cricket Club, Nottinghamshire continues to be entirely managed and run by volunteers. Without our volunteers, from ground staff to junior supervisors the club would not be able to function, or indeed exist. We are grateful for the contribution of our volunteers through 2020 and 2021 as it was a particularly difficult time for many.

During 2020-2021 approximately 20 different people have volunteered for the club across a wide range of activities from coaching juniors to helping with the grounds.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We registered around 45 Senior members to Blyth CC in 2020 and 73 in 2021. All parents/carers of our junior members are also members of the Social Club.

At our AGM Jack Tarr was voted in again as Chair and remains the Chair of the Trustee Committee. The Treasurer and Club Secretary also remain the same.

For the 2021 season the First XI team played in Division 2 in the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League. The Second team remained in Division 7 of the same league. The First XI finished the 2021 season being promoted to Division 1 of the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League. Our aim for the 2022 season would be to consolidate our position in the respective divisions and leagues and to attract more members to the club (not just playing members).

Women's cricket continued to develop in 2020 and 2021. The women's softball team took part in the East Midlands Women's Cricket League. The hardball Super 8s and the XI hardball team also played as part of this league. Our Development Plan lists as an objective to retain and increase numbers of female players. In 2019 we had approximately 18 women players and in 2021 we had 41 females playing in women's/senior matches. The Women's XI played in the 2nd division in their first ever season.

We also continue to encourage and support women and girls to play open age cricket (i.e. in mixed teams) and Blyth had the highest number of women playing mixed senior cricket in Nottinghamshire with 12.

Women and Girls cricket continues to develop with support from the ECB – Jemima Dalton continues as Chair of the East Midlands Women's Cricket League.

We registered 25 Junior members at Blyth CC during 2020 (with 11 juniors playing junior league cricket) and 30 during 2021, with 24 of those played in matches during 2021. The U11 hardball team came second in the League, the highest placing in over a decade.

Each junior has at least one responsible adult join as a member of the Social Club. This was about the same as previous years. Our age range was 5 to 15 years. We have increased the number of girls playing in our junior teams – in 2019 we had 2 girls playing in league matches and in 2021, we had 10 girls in league matches at U9 and U11 level. We had another 5 12-16 girls playing in senior cricket. In 2021 we also had a girls only softball team.

Due to the Covid pandemic and a lack of available coaches we have not advertised for more junior members again this year which explains the relatively low numbers. We have qualified coaches available to coach our junior section so are looking to increase junior numbers going forward. We have encouraged our female coaches and players to mentor and support player development and confidence – in 2020 and 2021 we had 3 members doing this.

The club now has four qualified umpires (two at ECB stage 2, two at stage 1, one being female). We also have new 1st and 2nd XI scorers. All these positions are voluntary.

Upgrading of clubhouse – the roof and electrical work was completed in 2019. To fund this we applied to the England Wales Cricket Trust for an interest free loan. We were successful and obtained a loan of £12,190 over 5 years. The roof work total project cost was £13,590 with £1,400 of Partnership funding provided by the Club. We continue to pay off our loan on time on a quarterly basis (this was paused during 2020-21 for several quarters due to Covid).

Some repair/upgrading work was done on the changing rooms in 2020, but this building really needs replacing. The latest work does extend its life span by at least another 5 years. We do not yet have suitable changing facilities for women/girls and the disabled. Our facilities are also not fully accessible. We do have a disabled ramp to the main clubhouse to ensure that this facility is accessible to wheelchair/mobility scooter users. We still need to ensure that our toilet facilities are brought up to standard and are accessible.

This will still be an enormous but necessary task for the club and our volunteers. We do not own the ground we play on and this makes access to grants and other sources of funding difficult.

We obtained English & Wales Cricket funding of £10K for a new kitchen area in the clubhouse, which was to be ready for the 2020 season. Although the kitchen was completed in 2020 (using £5K of our own funds as well) we were unable to use it until the 2021 season due to Covid restrictions.

As mentioned previously, our main fundraising event is 'Bonfire Night'. This is a Blyth 'village event' and as such we normally welcome many people who do not directly play cricket to our club. This event was cancelled in 2020 and 2021. We are aiming to run this event in some format in 2022.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have an approved reserves policy. Trustees have developed and adopted a reserves policy in accordance with Charity Commission guidance CC19. Our policy includes:

- what level of reserves is appropriate (up to £4K depending on requirements)
- why we need to hold reserves

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;
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Blyth Cricket Club, Nottinghamshire principal sources of funds are:

- membership fees
- match and training fees
- sponsorship
- grants and donations
- income from the Social Club
- Membership fees were not charged in 2020 and kept at the same rates in 2021 as 2019. It is a requirement that all players must have paid membership fees in order to play cricket for Blyth. We are actively recruiting for new senior members and if successful this will increase income.
- Match fees are set to cover payments to match officials and for catering. Training fees (juniors) are set to cover costs of equipment, coaching and other facilities to support the playing of cricket
- We received approximately £21.5K in Covid grants from Bassetlaw and District Council during 2020-21
- We rented our ground out to a local Caravan Club – this raised approximately £100
- We received £1250 in player sponsorship
- We received £400 in sponsorship for our junior teams
- Previously, at most senior home matches we had a 'football card' draw to raise funds. Due to Covid we did not do this for 2020 or the 2021 seasons – we would hope to reinstate this for 2022
- Our England and Wales Cricket Trust Interest free loan for the roof replacement and upgrading of the clubhouse electrics continues to be paid off in quarterly instalments, although our payments were suspended during 2020 and into 2021 due to Covid. The loan was for £12,190 over 5 years

Section F

Other optional information

Trustees previously agreed that the Social Club and CIO should have one bank account for Blyth CC – separate accounts will be still be kept and any money raised by the Social Club from fundraising events such as Bonfire Night will be clearly noted as donations to the CIO. Due to Covid there was no income from the Social Club.

Trustees will continue to review our fundraising strategy going forward. Our outside events are vulnerable to the weather for example. We need to ensure that risks are considered and managed as far as is possible and this may necessitate a change in the type of fundraising activities we focus on, especially in light of the effects of Covid. This will become increasingly important as it becomes necessary to invest in new facilities at the ground such as changing rooms etc. This will be a major expenditure for the club and will require careful management by Charity Trustees.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Malcolm Butler	Andrew Carter
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	15/04/2022	

**BLYTH CRICKET CLUB
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	18 M.E. 30.09.2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Bar trading account		335		1,071
Fundraising account		2,349		4,702
Cricket activities account		(6,722)		(1,235)
Membership Fees		1,116		1,485
Grants received		35,878		-
VAT recovered		1,773		507
Insurance Claim		-		-
	NET INCOME	34,729		6,531
PREMISES COSTS				
Heat & light	771		751	
Water	854		862	
Rates	-		-	
Clubhouse maintenance	1,536		605	
Insurance & licences	4,482		2,183	
Refuse collection	484		340	
		<u>8,126</u>		<u>4,741</u>
		26,603		1,790
ADMINISTRATION COSTS				
Bank charges	(5)		(16)	
Miscellaneous fees	0		0	
Professional & audit fees	240		240	
Postage, stationery & telephone	-		96	
		<u>235</u>		<u>320</u>
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		26,368		1,470

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Blyth Cricket Club

We have examined the financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2021 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account and related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out herein and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. The report is made solely to the club's members, as a body. Our examination has been undertaken so that we might state to the club's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any other than the club's members as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report or the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Management Committee and Independent Examiners

As described in the Statement of the Committee of Management's Responsibilities, the committee are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards and United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice.

Our responsibility is to examine financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements are properly in accordance with the accounting records. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the club has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our examination, or if any information specified by law regarding committee members' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given under accounting standards. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as committee members 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 statement above.

Independent Examiner's Report

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance; and to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and with the method and principles of UK GAAP 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

Jon Lister FCCA
Enterprise Chartered Certified Accountants

Blyth Cricket Club**Statement of Management Committees' Responsibilities**

Management committee are required to prepare the financial accounts for each financial period which give a true view of the state of affairs of the club and of the surplus or deficit of the club for that period. In preparing those financial statements we are required to;

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the club will continue in business.

The management committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the club and to enable that the financial statements are compliant. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the club and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Committee

Club Secretary

BLYTH CRICKET CLUB, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1159331

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month April	Year 2019		Day 30th	Month March	Year 2020

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We have continued to run three senior teams – First XI, second XI and Sunday teams. We have a developing women and girls section playing softball and hardball. At the junior level we have run a ‘Kwik’ cricket softball team for our younger juniors (from about 6 years to 11) and an under 11 and under 13 hardball team.

We have matches at the senior level Saturdays and several Sundays throughout the season. Junior matches mostly take place during the week with most summer term weeks seeing at least one junior match and often two. We also ran hardball and softball training evening sessions every week. Our Friday night softball training sessions continue to be popular but there is room to improve on this as numbers are down from last year. We have approximately 25 children registered as part of our junior section.

As part of the ‘Kwik’ cricket tournament in 2019 we again hosted an event for other local clubs taking part. Approximately 100 juniors took part in that event from all across the Bassetlaw area.

The Clubhouse bar and fundraising activities are managed by Blyth Cricket Social Club. The Social Club is managed separately from the Cricket Club but raises funds exclusively for the Cricket Club (CIO). Activities that do not fall under the charitable object of playing cricket are managed by the Social Club. This includes our main fundraising activity, Blyth village ‘Bonfire Night’. Bonfire Night 2019 was successful with many people from the local community attending (we raised approximately £2K).

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This year approximately 20 different people have volunteered for the club across a wide range of activities from coaching juniors to helping run fundraising events such as the village Bonfire Night.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have registered 35 Senior members to Blyth CC this year.

At the last AGM our chair stood down due to ill-health and our Secretary was elected Chair. Jack Tarr was also elected Chair of the Trustee Committee.

The First team was promoted to Division 2 in the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League. The Second team remain in Division 7 of the same league.

Women's cricket continued to develop this year. The women's softball team took part in four softball festivals with one being hosted by Blyth. Several of our women players are taking part in the senior training sessions and several junior girls taking part in women's softball matches. A total of seven women have also played league matches for the 2nd XI or Sunday teams. A North Notts indoor softball winter league was set up with Blyth fielding a women's team. Women and Girls cricket continues to develop quickly with support from the ECB – Jemima Dalton is now the East Midlands Region Women's League chair (this is for hardball and softball cricket).

The Sunday cricket team did play some games this year but reduced in number. This team plays 'friendly cricket' with an aim to encourage younger players and more mature 'returners' to enjoy playing the game and develop their cricketing skills in a more relaxed atmosphere than league cricket.

We registered 30 Junior members at Blyth CC, with at least one responsible adult per junior as a member of the Social Club. This was about the same as last year. Our age range was 5 to 15 years. Due to lack of available coaches we have not advertised for more junior members again this year which explains the relatively low numbers. We do now have two new qualified coaches available to coach our junior section so are looking to increase junior numbers going forward.

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The shower room in the changing rooms was upgraded. Internal cladding was replaced with new carpet tiles throughout the building. Some external woodwork was also replaced and the whole building re-painted. Although this building really needs replacing these latest works do bring it up to a good standard and will extend its life span by at least another 5 years. We do not yet have suitable changing facilities for women/girls and the disabled. We constructed a disabled ramp to the main clubhouse to ensure that this facility was accessible to wheelchair/mobility scooter users. The concrete area around the clubhouse was repaired. We need to ensure that our toilet facilities are brought up to standard and are accessible. Taps in all toilets have been replaced with push taps so they can't be left running.

Section D

Achievements and performance

There was a possibility of obtaining English & Wales Cricket funding for a new kitchen area in the clubhouse to be ready for the 2020 season. This work was ongoing as the year ended.

The mobile nets purchased at the end of last year continued to be well used.

Our main fundraising event is 'Bonfire Night'. This is a Blyth 'village event' and as such we welcome many people who do not directly play cricket to our club. This event is extremely weather-. Bonfire Night was a successful event and was well attended from those in the local community.

We also took part in a table top sale in Barnby Memorial Hall, and ran a Senior Presentation evening. At most senior home matches we had a 'football card' draw to raise funds. We have held raffles at all our fundraising events but this year we again ran the 'Raise the Roof' 'licenced' raffle to raise increased funds for upgrading the clubhouse. This was not as successful as previous years mainly due to lack of advertising and membership uptake. Charity Trustees will continue to review how we raise funds for the club over the next five years or so. There are many competing priorities in addition to keeping the club functioning. The clubhouse has now been upgraded and its lifespan extended for at least 5-10 years. There is still further work to be done however, such as replacing/upgrading the kitchen/storage facilities and the toilets. This will still be an enormous but necessary task for the club and our volunteers. We do not own the ground we play on and this makes access to grants and other sources of funding difficult.

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- We received £125 from Bassetlaw & District Junior Cricket League when Jemima Dalton completed her coaching exams
- We received substantial donations from a club member donating professional fees
- We rented our ground out to a local Caravan Club – this raised approximately £400
- We did not receive any new shirt sponsorship income this year (2019). To address this next year (and in future years) this will be a key part of our Fundraising Strategy for the club to be developed over the next few years
- Our England and Wales Cricket Trust Interest free loan for the roof replacement and upgrading of the clubhouse electrics continues to be paid off in quarterly installments. The loan was for £12,190 over 5 years
- The Social Club manages the clubhouse (bar etc.) and also manages our main fundraising activity, 'Bonfire Night'. As part of our fundraising strategy we also received income (via the Social Club) from events such as Quiz Nights, Raise the Roof raffle and Football cards. We played a 'Ladies vs Gentlemen' game of cricket with rules from the turn of the century, which although not a fundraising event did involve several people from the local community who do not play 'regular' cricket

Section F Other optional information

Trustees agreed that the Social Club and CIO should have one back account for Blyth CC – separate accounts will be still be kept and any money raised by the Social Club from fundraising events such as Bonfire Night will be clearly noted as donations to the CIO.

Trustees will continue to review our fundraising strategy going forward. Our outside events are vulnerable to the weather for example. We need to ensure that risks are considered and managed as far as is possible and this may necessitate a change in the type of fundraising activities we focus on. This will become increasingly important as it becomes necessary to invest in new facilities at the ground such as changing rooms etc. This will be a major expenditure for the club and will require careful management by Charity Trustees.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Malcolm Butler	Jack Tarr
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary

Date 30/03/2020

BLYTH CRICKET CLUB

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2020

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**BLYTH CRICKET CLUB
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2020**

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Bar trading account		1,071		2,198
Fundraising account		4,702		7,355
Cricket activities account		(1,235)		(4,247)
Membership Fees		1,485		1,371
Grants received		-		144
VAT recovered		507		3,073
Insurance Claim		-		-
		<u>6,531</u>		<u>9,894</u>
NET INCOME		6,531		9,894
PREMISES COSTS				
Heat & light	751		880	
Water	862		846	
Rates	-		-	
Clubhouse maintenance	605		1,575	
Insurance & licences	2,183		2,126	
Refuse collection	340		170	
		<u>4,741</u>		<u>5,597</u>
		1,790		4,297
ADMINISTRATION COSTS				
Bank charges	(16)		(15)	
Miscellaneous fees	0		(400)	
Professional & audit fees	240		-	
Postage, stationery & telephone	96		82	
		<u>320</u>		<u>(333)</u>
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		<u><u>1,470</u></u>		<u><u>4,630</u></u>

**BLYTH CRICKET CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2020**

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 2005).

Revenue

Revenue, described as turnover, is the value of goods (net of VAT) provided to customers during the year and/or the value of work (net of VAT) performed during the year with respect to services.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Operating lease rentals

All other leases are treated as operating lease rentals. The annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a payable basis.

**BLYTH CRICKET CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2020**

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
BAR TRADING ACCOUNT				
Bar & food sales		3,826		5,003
Cost of sales				
Opening Stock	50		50	
Bar & food purchases	2,755		2,805	
Less Closing stock	<u>50</u>		<u>50</u>	
		2,755		2,805
NET BAR INCOME		<u><u>1,071</u></u>	28.0%	<u><u>2,198</u></u>
				43.9%
FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT				
Fundraising & sundry income		543		1,025
From BCC Social Club		2,653		4,290
Sponsorship & donations		1,568		2,231
BBQ income (net of costs)		429		338
Less Fundraising costs		<u>(490)</u>		<u>(529)</u>
NET FUNDRAISING INCOME		<u><u>4,702</u></u>		<u><u>7,355</u></u>
CRICKET ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT				
INCOME				
Match & training fees - Senior		4,223		3,583
Match & training fees - Junior		<u>942</u>		<u>715</u>
		5,165		4,298
EXPENDITURE				
Coaching & training expenses	976		1,045	
Umpires & scorers	1,105		1,255	
Teas	1,317		1,082	
Cricket equipment	133		1,125	
Petrol & diesel	47		206	
Grounds maintenance	2,388		3,271	
Trophies & photos	344		271	
Leagues & affiliation fees	90		290	
Fines	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		6,400		8,545
NET LOSS ON CRICKET ACTIVITIES		<u><u>(1,235)</u></u>		<u><u>(4,247)</u></u>

