



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

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
	PostcodeS81 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		
3	Malcolm Butler	Treasurer & Treasurer Management Committee		
4	Bridget Butler	Administrator & Management Committee Member		
5	Jemima Dalton	2 nd XI Captain, Womens & Girls Lead, Junior Coordinator & Management Committee Member		
6	Karen Rice	Management 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 2nd 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 traditional village amateur 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. No Trustees retired during 2023-2024 and no new Trustees 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 Management Committee separately and any money raised being passed on to the CIO.

Blyth CC Management Committee manages the club on a day to day basis. Blyth CC Management Committee meets on a monthly basis, with all Charity Trustees sitting on the Committee (in addition to other club members). There is a standing agenda item for Fundraising and another for CIO management and issues.

Our accounting year starts in October and runs to September. This Annual Report covers the period from October 2023 to September 2024.

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 inclusive environment.

We have two senior (mixed) teams, a women and girls section and a thriving junior section. Our players range from 4 years old to 74.

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. We continue to appeal to families and include multi-generational teams.

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 roof 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		-		-
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	
		5713		6387
		29057		(588)
ADMINISTRATION COSTS				
Bank charges	195		(8)	
Miscellaneous fees	0		2300	
Professional & audit fees	618		-	
Postage, stationery & telephone	0		5900	
		813		74
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		28244		(662)

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
30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	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