

ROWLAND'S CASTLE RECREATION GROUND CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1163497

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-09-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE RECREATION GROUND AT ROWLANDS CASTLE AS A PLAYING FIELD OR RECREATION GROUND, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH OF ROWLANDS CASTLE AND THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR SUCH PERSONS.

Activities: To provide and maintain the Recreation Ground at Rowlands Castle for the benefit of residents of the Parish of Rowlands Castle and the immediate neighbourhood, with the object of improving the conditions of life for such persons.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Area of benefit: LOCAL
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,068	£5,123	-	-
2024-03-31	£5,704	£3,699	-	-
2023-03-31	£5,453	£4,443	-	-
2022-03-31	£2,184	£2,734	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,990	£3,103	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ROWLANDS CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL		2015-09-10

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Sole Trustee: Rowlands Castle Parish Council

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Projects during 2024/25

- Successful application to the Football Foundation for a 5-year programme of pitch improvements
- Assessment of all football pitches carried out by the Hampshire FA
- Carried out roof repairs to the pavilion
- Major repair carried out on the basket swing
- Works carried out to improve the surface of the playpark
- Meet held with Hampshire FA, Hampshire Cricket Board and East Hants District Council to discuss future project of pavilion renovation and review general recreation ground facilities.

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CLlr C Stanley, Chairman of Rowlands Castle Parish Council

Rowlands Castle Recreation Ground Charity

1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

From Recreation Ground Charity Bank Account					
Income 2024/25	£	£	Expenditure 2024/25	£	£
DACD Cricket Club Pitch Fees	844.00		Grass Cutting & Pitch Maintenance	2550.00	
CUY Football Club Pitch Fees	2224.00		Pavilion Expenses (breakdown below)	1570.42	
RC Tennis Club Hire Fees	1030.00		Reimbursement to RCPC for RCTC legal fees	1000.00	
Prince Of Wales	70.00		DVLA request for crashed vehicle	2.50	
Total Income		<u>4068.00</u>	Total Expenditure		<u>5122.92</u>
			2023/24 balance carried forward		4561.55
			2024/25 Total Income		+4068.00
					<u>8629.55</u>
			2024/25 Total Expenditure		<u>-5122.92</u>
			Bank Balance as at 31 March 2025		<u>£3506.63</u>

Pavilion Expenses (breakdown)	
Utilities (Water, Electricity)	1328.08
Plumbing Pavilion internal Toilet	200.00
Hygiene Services	42.34

Payments via Rowlands Castle Parish Council Bank Account	
Rec Ground Expenses incl play park payment & pitch improvements	19445.00
Playground & Gym Equipment: Maintenance & Repairs	716.01
Playground & Gym Equipment: Quarterly Inspections	522.00
Recreation Ground: General Maintenance	1611.35
Consumables, incl. lining machine & fluid	678.91
Sack Track	66.65
Staff costs: Groundsman, pavilion cleaning	5152.33

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Projects during 2023/24

- Design and commission of a new playpark which was installed in September 2023, following a competitive tender process
- Grant funding awarded by East Hants District Council from the S106 Sports Facilities Funding and Supporting Communities Fund towards the new playpark
- Grant funding awarded from the Hampshire Police and Crime Commission Emerging Needs - Crime Prevention fund towards additional CCTV cameras to cover the playpark and outdoor gym
- Asbestos survey was carried out on the pavilion
- Roof survey was commissioned to advise on works needed, and recommended repairs implemented.
- Major repair carried out on a piece of outdoor gym equipment
- Chin Up bars installed in the outdoor gym
- Continuation of a programme of pitch improvement treatments
- Assessment of all football pitches carried out by the Hampshire FA

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From Recreation Ground Charity Bank Account					
Income 2023/24	£	£	Expenditure 2023/24	£	£
Ditcham Park School Hire of Rec Ground for Bikeability	50.00				
DACD Cricket Club Pitch Fees	810.00		Play Park RoSPA Inspection	115.20	
POW Football Club Pitch Fees	840.00		Grass Cutting & Pitch Maintenance	2,097.85	
RC Tennis Club Hire Fees	2,604.00		Pavilion Expenses (breakdown below)	1,485.71	3,698.76
RC Tennis Club Reimbursement of Solicitor's fees in respect of renewal of lease	<u>1,400.00</u>	5,704.00			
Total Income		<u>£5,704.00</u>	Total Expenditure		<u>3,698.76</u>
			2022/23 balance carried forward		1,814.74
			2023/24 Total Income		<u>+5,704.00</u>
					<u>7,518.74</u>
			2023/24 Total Expenditure		<u>-3,698.76</u>
			Balance as at 31 March 2024		<u>£3,819.98</u>

Pavilion Expenses	
Utilities (Water, Electricity)	1,344.97
Service of Security Entry System	98.40
Hygiene Services	42.34

From Rowlands Castle Parish Council Bank Account				
Playground & Gym Equipment: Maintenance & Repairs	1,580.98			
Playground & Gym Equipment: Quarterly Inspections	978.00			
Recreation Ground: General Maintenance	849.75			
Consumables, incl. lining machine & fluid	574.39			
Staff costs: Groundsman, pavilion cleaning	4,298.55			

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Projects during 2022/23

During this year working groups have been formed to review of sports facility hire fees, and plan the implementation of the following projects:

- Installation of CCTV cameras at the Recreation Ground to help tackle the increasing volume of anti-social behaviour and vandalism;
- Replacement of children's play area.
- Replacement of Public WC toilet doors following vandalism.

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Income 2022/23	£	£	Expenditure 2022/23	£	£
DACD Cricket Club Pitch Fees	704.00		Play Park RoSPA Inspection	113.40	
CUY Football Club Pitch Fees	700.40		Grass Cutting & Pitch Maintenance	1,930.50	
POW Football Club Pitch Fees	810.00		Pavilion Expenses (breakdown below)	950.24	
Public Hire of Tennis Courts	239.00		Solicitors Fees: Renewal of Tennis Club Lease (see note*)	<u>1,449.00</u>	4,443.14
Grant from RC Parish Council	<u>3,000.00</u>	5,453.40			
Total Income		<u>5,453.40</u>	Total Expenditure		<u>4,443.14</u>
			2021/22 balance carried forward		804.48
			2022/23 Total Income		<u>+5,453.40</u>
					6,257.88
			2022/23 Total Expenditure		<u>-4,443.14</u>
			Balance as at 31 March 2023		<u>£1,814.74</u>

Pavilion Expenses	
Utilities (Water, Electricity)	820.16
Service of Security Entry System	91.20
Hygiene Services	38.88

From Rowlands Castle Parish Council Bank Account
Hedge Maintenance & emergency tree works
Playground: Maintenance & repairs
Consumables, incl. lining machine & fluid
Staff costs: Groundsman, pavilion cleaning

Note* In accordance with the Lease, solicitor's fees will be reimbursed to the charity within 4 years from the start of the lease in 6 monthly instalments.

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Income 2021/22	£	£	Expenditure 2021/22	£	£
DACD Cricket Club Pitch Fees	704.00		Recreation Ground Expenses (see Note 1)	263.72	
CUY Football Club Pitch Fees	426.40		Grass Cutting & Pitch Maintenance	2,125.00	
HBO Football Club Pitch Fees	350.00		Utilities & Healthcare Hygiene	<u>345.37</u>	2,734.09
Public Hire of Tennis Courts	155.00				
Wayleave Fees	15.00				
Castle Water Rebate	206.39				
Donation from Ditcham Park School for Bikeability Training	110.00				
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Settlement of Insurance Claim	<u>152.12</u>	2,183.91			
Total Income		<u>2,183.91</u>	Total Expenditure		<u>2,734.09</u>
			2020/21 balance carried forward		1,354.66
			2021/22 Total Income		<u>+2,183.91</u>
					3,538.57
			2021/22 Total Expenditure		<u>-2,734.09</u>
			Balance as at 31 March 2022		<u>£804.48</u>

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Hedge Maintenance & emergency tree works	
Playground: Maintenance & repairs	
Consumables, incl. lining machine & fluid	
Staff costs: Groundsman, pavilion cleaning	

Note 1: Recreation Ground Expenses

Play Park RoSPA Inspection	111.60
Repair of damaged 'Dragon's Teeth' Fence Posts	<u>152.12</u>
	<u>£263.72</u>

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This Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts was approved at a Meeting of Rowlands Castle Parish Council on 10 January 2022 and signed by the Chairman of the Council.



ClIr C Stanley, Chairman of Rowlands Castle Parish Council

Rowlands Castle Recreation Ground Charity

Accounts prepared for the Charity Commission Annual Return 2021

1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

From Recreation Ground Charity Bank Account					
Income 2020/21	£	£	Expenditure 2020/21	£	£
DACDCC Pitch Fees	200.00		Pavilion Expenses (see Note 1)	132.60	
CUFC Pitch Fees	133.00		Recreation Ground Expenses (see Note 2)	166.38	
Public Hire of Tennis Courts	128.00		Grass Cutting & Pitch Maintenance	2062.00	
Wayleave Fees	255.00		Utilities & Healthcare Hygiene	<u>741.93</u>	
SSE Rebate	21.71				
Donation from Bootcamp Trainer	100.00				
Settlement of Insurance Claim	152.12				
RCPC Management Grant	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,989.83</u>			
Total Income		<u>1,989.83</u>	Total Expenditure		<u>3,102.91</u>
			2019/20 balance carried forward		2,467.74
			Total Income		<u>+1,989.83</u>
					4,457.57
			Total Expenditure		<u>-3,102.91</u>
			Balance as at 31 March 2021		<u>1,354.66</u>

From Rowlands Castle Parish Council Bank Account	
Hedge Maintenance & emergency tree works	
Playground: Maintenance & repairs	
Consumables, incl. lining machine & fluid	
Staff costs: Groundsman, pavilion cleaning	

Note 1: Pavilion Expenses

Servicing of Fire Safety Equipment & Security System	132.60
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Note 2: Recreation Ground Expenses

New Signage for Play Area	16.38
Legal Fees in respect of renegotiation of Rowlands Castle Tennis Club Lease	150.00
	166.38