

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
MERIDEN SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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MERIDEN SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Although principally reporting on the Trust's policies and actions over the financial year 2023/24, ending on 31st March 2024, the Report may contain references, where appropriate, to post-1 April 2024 activities and information which overlap financial years.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Trust's Objectives

The Meriden Sports and Recreation Trust was formed and received charitable status in late 2015 and became operational on 4 February 2016 when it received a grant from Meriden Parish Council. The charitable objects of MS&RT are:

(1) Specifically restricted to furthering or benefiting the residents of the parish of Meriden and its surrounding area, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by promoting and supporting provision for amateur sports, recreational activities and other leisure time occupation within the parish in the interests of social welfare, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents of the said parish and its surrounding area.

(2) In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise the Trustees shall have the power to secure the establishment and maintenance of sports and recreational facilities within the parish for the benefit of present and future generations of residents.

The Parish Council grant (the 'Endowment Fund') was made on the understanding that the Trust was committed to providing long term core funding for the maintenance and management of Meriden Sports Park and to fund other initiatives and activities benefiting the parish and its residents within the scope of the Trust's objects.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievement, Performance and Investment Strategy

The Trust received the Endowment Fund of £1,375,938 on 4th February 2016. At the start of the financial year in April 2017 (14 months later), the valuation was £1,659,017.

On 31 March 2024 the Fund was valued at £2,464,933.

In their investment report, our investment advisors (CCLA) forecast the annual income the Trust could expect for the year would be circa £60,000

On this basis it was sufficient to fund the Sports Park's core operating grant, a Small Grants programme and the Trust's operating expenses in the coming year, but with the current high degree of uncertainty over economic prospects, it is necessary to keep capital expenditure under close review.

That uncertainty has been reinforced by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Trust has been advised by CCLA that equity markets will remain challenging for the foreseeable future in response to worsening macro-economic data.

Following a periodic review the decision to keep using CCLA as the Trust's investment vehicle was made for the following reasons: The relatively good performance of their funds, commensurate with the relatively low risk involved.; CCLA's approach to investment ethics; The fact that the Parish Council held its reserves in CCLA investments (as many Parish Councils do); The need to demonstrate publicly to the community of Meriden the Trust's prudence and stewardship of the 'Endowment Fund'.

The Trust's investment strategy remains consistent: to produce an income sufficient to fund the core operating costs of Meriden Sports Park and provide small grants to encourage other sports and recreational initiatives in the area and to preserve the capital to ensure that this strategy can be pursued into the foreseeable future.

Full consideration at a meeting of Trustees was again given to moving the Trust's funds from CCLA's COIF Investment Fund to the COIF Ethical Fund, the latter fund having exhibited similar good performance. The comparative performance over several years of each Fund was assessed in some detail. Trustees' deliberations were informed by the statutory duties placed on Trustees to manage carefully the funds under their care, together with the evolving guidance from the Charities' Commission. Relevant risks were evaluated. A comparison of the ethical stance of each of the Funds was carefully analysed. Trustees resolved to maintain the endowment in the existing Fund and not seek any transfer but would keep the matter under review in the light of any new investment strategies decided by CCLA.

Support to Meriden Sports Park

The Trust's funding relationship with the company that runs Meriden Sports Park is based on the latter producing an annual business plan that forms the basis of a grant agreement with the Trust. Trustees and Directors of Meriden Sports Park meet at least once in line with the requirements of the Trust Deed and Tripartite Agreement.

The Trust made grants to Meriden Sports Park totalling £55,000 for core operating costs in 2023/24

The core operating grant was paid to MSP through the year, recognising the continuing costs of grounds maintenance, security etc. for the Sports Park.

It is likely that a similar figure for the core operating grant for 2024/25 will be agreed at least initially. This will be confirmed following review and approval of the MSP business plan and their future requirements based on costed expenditure.

Small Grants Programme

This programme is particularly aimed at those involved in sports and recreational pursuits that are not catered for by Meriden Sports Park including applications from groups representing all recreational interests - not just sport - and representing all sections of the community, including older people.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The trustees have decided that holding reserves is unnecessary due to the simple nature of the charity and its minimal running costs.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trust will adhere to the same basic strategy as agreed at previous AGMs, but must be prepared to react positively to the extraordinary situation we are facing in the current cost of living crisis. This raises the question of the scope of the Trust's charitable objectives and whether they should be reviewed.

Investment strategy: Make sure that Meriden and its surrounding area is well served by sports facilities into the foreseeable future, supporting the core operating costs of Meriden Sports Park and providing small grants to encourage other sports and recreational initiatives in the area. To this end, the income generated by the Trust's investment strategy will produce an annual income that will set a clear limit for grant awarding year on year, while maintaining the capital to ensure the Trust's ability to continue to fulfil its objectives in years and decades to come.

Supporting the Sports Park: The Trust will work with the Sports Park Company and the Parish Council to build on the working relationship between the two bodies and the process for agreeing the annual Sports Park Business Plan.

Small Grants Programme: As resources allow, the Trust will seek further ways of promoting its small grants programme and working with other voluntary organisations in the Parish and surrounding areas to further its charitable objectives. A number of initiatives are underway to encourage small grants' applications to the Trust.

The Trust's Charitable Objectives - Review

The Covid-19 crisis exposed a minor problem with the scope of the Trust's charitable objectives. An appeal was made for a modest contribution from the Trust's funds to support the efforts of volunteers in the Parish to meet the needs of vulnerable and elderly residents.

Unfortunately this form of activity was not covered by the 'sport and recreation' objectives of the Trust at that time.

Consideration may be given to the desirability, possibility, implications and process of broadening the Trust's objectives at one of the Trust's meetings and will be further reviewed by the trustees during the coming year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Meriden Sports and Recreation Trust is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and its Constitution forms the governing document. It should be noted that MS&RT neither own nor lease any property nor does it have any employees. Under its Constitution, charity trustees may not receive any financial benefit from MS&RT. The Trust operates through the voluntary, unpaid work of its trustees.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Governance of the charity is overseen by the board of Trustees (The 'board'). Trustees are recruited by the Board who consider the skills currently available and then identify the requirements needed of any additional or replacement trustee. Potential trustees are invited to a preliminary discussion with the Board. In successful appointment of a trustee, the project director prepares and provides documentary and verbal induction pack to introduce the trustee to the working and objectives of the organisation.

There are eight trustees positions. Seven are Charity Trustees appointed for between 2 and 4 year terms and one is a trustee nominated by Meriden Parish Council for a period of 3 years.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

A board of up to 8 trustees (including a Parish Council nominee) drawn from Meriden and the surrounding area act as the Board for the Trust.

During 2023/24 the following were trustees:

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| - Gerry Russell | - Chair and link to the Charities Commission and CCLA |
| - Steve Allcock | - Secretary |
| - Adrian Wood | - Past Chair |
| - Richard Lewis | - Treasurer |
| - David Buckland | - Vice Chair |
| - Carol Buckland | - Small grants programme |
| - Heather Moreton | - Assists with publicity |

Trustees continue to recognise that the Board retains a balance of skills and that new potential trustees with the right skills are identified to replace retiring trustees at the end of their terms of office. As in the previous year, trustees make it a priority to encourage interest in becoming a trustee within the local community by publicising widely on its website and elsewhere the importance of this charity to the future of the Parish and at the same time emphasising that the time commitment is now highly manageable.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29/3/2024 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
G Russell - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
MERIDEN SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Meriden Sports and Recreation Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Meriden Sports and Recreation Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 2 September 2024

MERIDEN SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	39,703
Investment income	3	66,990	-	66,990	65,099
Total		66,990	-	66,990	104,802
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Grants to institutions		55,468	-	55,468	56,125
Support costs		2,497	-	2,497	1,787
Total		57,965	-	57,965	57,912
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	203,806	203,806	(86,412)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		9,025	203,806	212,831	(39,522)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		82,209	2,218,840	2,301,049	2,340,571
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		91,234	2,422,646	2,513,880	2,301,049

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9	-	2,422,646	2,422,646	2,218,840
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		92,674	-	92,674	83,359
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,440)	-	(1,440)	(1,150)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>91,234</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,234</u>	<u>82,209</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>91,234</u>	<u>2,422,646</u>	<u>2,513,880</u>	<u>2,301,049</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>91,234</u>	<u>2,422,646</u>	<u>2,513,880</u>	<u>2,301,049</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				91,234	82,209
Endowment funds				2,422,646	2,218,840
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>2,513,880</u>	<u>2,301,049</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25/9/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


G Russell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	6,921	46,017
Net cash provided by operating activities		6,921	46,017
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		2,394	503
Net cash provided by investing activities		2,394	503
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		9,315	46,520
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		83,359	36,839
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		92,674	83,359

The notes form part of these financial statements

MERIDEN SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	212,831	(39,522)
Adjustments for:		
(Gain)/losses on investments	(203,806)	86,412
Interest received	(2,394)	(503)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	290	(370)
Net cash provided by operations	<u>6,921</u>	<u>46,017</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Cash flow	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	83,359	9,315	92,674
	<u>83,359</u>	<u>9,315</u>	<u>92,674</u>
Total	<u>83,359</u>	<u>9,315</u>	<u>92,674</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:-

- Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and term deposit accounts. It includes interest income which is recognised as it accrues, and dividend income which is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under activities that aggregate all costs related to any particular activity. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties; it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:-

- Costs of raising funds comprise costs incurred by the charity in the generation of donation and fundraising income.
- Expenditure on charitable activities include those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.
- All categories of costs include both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Investments

Investments are stated at their fair value. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss. The fair value of a quoted investment is its bid price.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations	-	39,703

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Investment income	64,596	64,596
Deposit account interest	2,394	503
	<u>66,990</u>	<u>65,099</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities (see note 5) £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Grants to institutions	55,468	-	55,468
Support costs	-	2,497	2,497
	<u>55,468</u>	<u>2,497</u>	<u>57,965</u>

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants to institutions	55,468	56,125

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Meriden Sports Park	55,000	55,000
Meriden Craft	-	275
Meriden Nursery	-	400
Floral Society	168	450
Meriden Aero Modellers	300	-
	<u>55,468</u>	<u>56,125</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Support costs	<u>827</u>	<u>1,670</u>	<u>2,497</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024 Support costs £	2023 Total activities £
Insurance	662	662
Website costs	115	115
Room hire	50	-
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,670</u>	<u>1,010</u>
	<u>2,497</u>	<u>1,787</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	39,703	-	39,703
Investment income	<u>65,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,099</u>
Total	<u>104,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,802</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Grants to institutions	56,125	-	56,125
Support costs	<u>1,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,787</u>
Total	<u>57,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,912</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>-</u>	<u>(86,412)</u>	<u>(86,412)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	46,890	(86,412)	(39,522)

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	35,319	2,305,252	2,340,571
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>82,209</u>	<u>2,218,840</u>	<u>2,301,049</u>

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2023	2,218,840
Revaluations	203,806
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,422,646</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,422,646</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,218,840</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2024 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2017	283,080
Valuation in 2018	34,842
Valuation in 2019	132,843
Valuation in 2020	(57,174)
Valuation in 2021	363,824
Valuation in 2022	183,898
Valuation in 2023	(86,412)
Valuation in 2024	203,806
Cost	<u>1,363,939</u>
	<u>2,422,646</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,150</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,209	9,025	91,234
Endowment funds			
Endowment fund	2,218,840	203,806	2,422,646
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,301,049</u>	<u>212,831</u>	<u>2,513,880</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	66,990	(57,965)	-	9,025
Endowment funds				
Endowment fund	-	-	203,806	203,806
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,990</u>	<u>(57,965)</u>	<u>203,806</u>	<u>212,831</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,319	46,890	82,209
Endowment funds			
Endowment fund	2,305,252	(86,412)	2,218,840
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,340,571</u>	<u>(39,522)</u>	<u>2,301,049</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	104,802	(57,912)	-	46,890
Endowment funds				
Endowment fund	-	-	(86,412)	(86,412)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,802</u>	<u>(57,912)</u>	<u>(86,412)</u>	<u>(39,522)</u>

The endowment fund is held in investment to provide the the Trust with an annual income that will provide a clear limit for grant awarding year on year, while maintaining the capital to ensure the Trust's ability to continue to fulfil its objectives in years and decades to come.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.