

DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1168817

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-08-17

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF LAND AND FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF DARTINGTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, AND OF SUCH OTHER AREA OR AREAS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME RESOLVE TO INVITE, FOR RECREATION, SPORT, EDUCATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: To provide or assist in the provision of land and play facilities for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Dartington and the surrounding area, for recreation, sport, swimming, education or other leisure time occupation of groups and individuals who have need of such facilities. Provision of football field, pool and playground for young children.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £157,737 | £208,196 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £110,122 | £99,170 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £105,580 | £83,937 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £93,633 | £92,202 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £117,800 | £100,737 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------------|------|------------|
| James Richard John Brittain | | 2022-09-27 |
| Janet Elizabeth Maddick | | 2018-11-22 |
| Michael Campbell | | 2024-09-17 |
| Miles Davies | | 2025-10-21 |
| Richard Mark Burton | | 2023-05-23 |

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Accounts

Annual report 1.4.24 – 31.3.25

Type of governing document: Constitution

How the charity is constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection method: by election (appointed trustees) and nomination by affiliate clubs (nominated trustees)

Summary of charity objects

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Summary

The charity has had a very successful year attracting record amounts of funding and welcoming new trustees and volunteers to realise the vision of Meadowbrook as a hub of recreation for all.

Meadowbrook has made a first step to becoming a hub for clean energy with the installation of solar panels on the roof of the pavilions and feasibility work underway to become an energy generation network.



In addition to the well established relationships with Pizzalogica (Meadowbrook's resident pizzeria) and Things Happen Here (Meadowbrook's resident tap room and live music venue), the charity was delighted to welcome Somewhere Sauna to Meadowbrook.

We received the following grants and donations:

Dartington Post Office, via the Nisa community fund - £500 for the baby bike track.

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government **£44,833** to install solar panels through Devon County Council's Green Impact Fund as part of the Devon and Torbay Devolution Deal. (**£26,800 received 24/25 and £17933 received 25/26**)

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero **£38,444** for community energy feasibility supported by the Southwest Net Zero Hub. (**£ 25,574 received 24/25 and £12,870 received 25/26**)

Community Resilience Fund - £10,000 to pay for professional services to secure planning permission for the new pool.

Total grants and donations 24/25 = £ 63,488 (£ 30,803 received 25/26)

Restricted donation from Dartington Swimming Pool - **£17,424**

The Dartington Swimming Pool club, an unincorporated association that had for many years overseen the running of the Dartington Swimming Pool, was dissolved in 2024 when the pool was closed for renovation. The club transferred all remaining funds to the DRA to help fund the renovation

General fund raising for the pool -2024/25 **£3342**

Main achievements

The community centre has thrived this year.

Pizzalogica has maintained their reputation for delicious handmade pizzas.

A grant from South Hams District Council for £10,000 (paid to Pizzalogica) matched by **£ 12,352 from DRA** to construct an outside covered area. This has provided welcome shade from the sun and rain and further enhanced the outside area at Meadowbrook.

Due to the age of the boiler a major investment of **£ 16,700** was required to replace the boiler. This caused an unplanned disruption to all users of the centre in the winter months.

Both businesses (THH and Pizzalogica) have created jobs, and are attractive employers to young people.

They have been joined by Somewhere Sauna a wood fired sauna making the sauna experience available throughout the week.

In the summer months, the offering to the community has been enhanced with pop up caterers including the Big Kebaski, which has become a regular member of the Meadowbrook community.

The photograph is from the Extravaganza (our annual fund raiser and community event) and includes the new covered area.



The play area was enhanced by a generous anonymous donation to purchase play equipment.

Meadowbrook comprises the MUGA, accessible play park, rustic bike track and field, which together means that there is a lot to do for children and young people of all ages. On a warm evening the area regularly attracts 200 – 300 people.

Earthjump (local Community Interest Community) continues as a brilliant partner to the DRA running a bike club for under 11s, a coffee club for over 55s and supporting the major project to re-build the swimming pool.



Totnes and Dartington Football Club and Totnes Sub Aqua Club continue to thrive and benefit from the DRA facilities.

Since the closure of the pool, a small group of volunteers have overseen a significant piece of work to secure planning permission for a new larger, heated open air pool. They are now focussed on fund raising for the renovation of the pool and site.

Attracting funding for solar panels of the pool pavilion roof and for feasibility work has been another major step forwards for the pool project. The solar panels and batteries will power new pool air-source heat pumps to provide heating to the pool. In the meantime, they are also supplying our other community services and facilities at Meadowbrook.

Although the majority of the pool compound remains out of the use, a section was fenced off to provide a base for Somewhere Sauna and the pavilion is used by various groups including the footballers and Earthjump to store equipment.

The trustees ran a recruitment drive to attract new talent and capacity to the charity, which resulted in the appointment of 5 new trustees and welcome influx of ideas and energy to sustain the ambitions of the charity.

The trustees are immensely proud of the achievements of the charity this year. Meadowbrook goes from strength to strength as a vibrant hub for recreation and sport and continues to attract more volunteers and organisations wanting to become part of this exciting, inclusive community.

The trustees are grateful to all the support they have had throughout the year including South Hams District Council, Dartington Hall Trust, Dartington Primary School and Dartington Parish Council.

In 2025/26 the trustees will focus on the pool renovation, progressing plans for sustainable energy for the site and enhancing the sustainability of the charity.

Charity's policy on reserves

The charity retains £22,000 as a reserve. This is sufficient to cover the running costs of the charity for a year.



Financial review

The charity received **£ 157,737** in the period 1.4.24 – 31.3.25.

In the same period, the charity expended **£ 208,196**

General activities surplus of £ 3025. Restricted funds show a £ 53,484 loss but relates to a £20,000 expenditure when *Kompan* donation received in 23/24. Also £30,803 spent in advance of solar panel grants which were received in 25/26.

At the financial year end, the charity held a balance of **£36,647**

Note: If accruals accounting rather than current cash accounting would have shown a break-even situation. Recommendation to the Trustees to adopt accruals accounting for 25/26

Trustees

Current

Louise Morpeth, Mark Burton, James Brittain, Amy Stray, Michael Campbell, Richard McKenny, Michela Delamere

Resigned

Mandy Burton, Jan Maddick, Olivia Doherty, Ashish Ghadiali, Helen Tune, Margaret Cushen, Helen Allipaz, Joel Riley

This report was approved by Trustees on 14th October 2025.

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| DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION | | Charity no. 1168817 | | | |
| STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st MARCH 2025 | | | | | |
| | <i>General</i> | <i>Designated</i> | <i>Restricted</i> | 2025 | 2024 |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Bank & Cash Balances | | | | | |
| Barclays Current | 36647 | 0 | 0 | 36647 | 87106 |
| Debtors | | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 3786 | 0 | 0 | 3786 | 0 |
| Grant funding | 0 | 0 | 30802 | 30802 | 0 |
| | 3786 | 0 | 30802 | 34588 | 0 |
| Total Assets | 40433 | 0 | 30802 | 71235 | 87106 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors & accruals | 3927 | 0 | 0 | 3927 | 330 |

Note:

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 21st October 2025 and signed on their behalf by Mark Burton, chair of trustees.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of Dartington Recreation Association CIO Charity no. 1168817**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dartington Recreation Association CIO for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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:
Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
The accounts do not accord with those records.

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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28th October 2025

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Main achievements

The community centre has thrived this year. Things Happen Here were welcomed as the new owners of the Tap Room and have provided a diverse and busy programme of live music, entertainment and community activities throughout the year. Pizzalogica has maintained their strong reputation for delicious handmade pizzas. Both businesses have created jobs, and are attractive employers to young people.

In the summer months, the offering to the community is enhanced with pop up caterers including the Blue Bell Café, which has become a Friday regular when the weather allows.

The outside area was further enhanced this year with a grant from South Hams District Council for the multi use games area (MUGA). The fence around the MUGA has been repaired, five aside lines marked on the court and movable goals have been purchased. This has brought the MUGA back to life.

The goals are used by the football club for junior football on the Dorothy Elmhirst field. The fixed goals on the field were removed in favour of using movable goals so that the wear on the field could be better managed.

Meadowbrook now comprises the MUGA, accessible play park, rustic bike track and field, which together means that there is lots to do for children and young people of all ages. On a warm evening it is not usual for 200 – 300 people to be on the site enjoying the facilities.

Earthjump (local Community Interest Community) continues as a brilliant partner to the DRA running a bike club for under 11s, a coffee club for over 55s and supporting the major project to re-build the swimming pool.

Unfortunately the annual Meadowbrook extravaganza, planned for May, was rained off.

Totnes and Dartington Football Club and Totnes Sub Aqua Club continue to thrive and benefit from the DRA facilities.

Since the closure of the pool, a small group of volunteers have overseen a significant piece of work to apply for full planning permission for a new larger, heated open air pool. The pool compound including the pavilion remains out of use. Unfortunately, the pavilion was targeted by vandals in early 2024.

The proposed pool will be heated with renewable energy. A separate project to look at options for sustainable energy for the entire Meadowbrook site has been initiated.

The trustees are proud of the achievements of the charity this year. Meadowbrook is a vibrant hub for recreation and sport and continues to attract more volunteers and organisations wanting to become part of this exciting, inclusive community.

In 2024/25 the trustees will focus on fund raising for the pool re-development and progressing plans for sustainable energy for the site.



Charity's policy on reserves

The charity retains £22,000 as a reserve. This is sufficient to cover the running costs of the charity for a year.

Financial review

The charity received £110,122 in the period 1.4.23 – 31.3.24.

This included two grants from South Hams District Council Section 106 funding were received: £3811.31 as a 50% contribution to the accessible toilet and £6,675.67 for improvements to the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) including football goals, fencing and new line markings. These were restricted funds and have been spent on the specified activities. The projects have been completed.

The remaining funds came from a range of sources including contributions from clubs, user fees for use of the community centre, payment for use of the car park and donations.

In the same period, the charity expended £99,170. This comprises running costs of the community centre (utilities, insurance, repairs and maintenance), grant related expenditure and general maintenance of the estate.

At the financial year end, the charity held a balance of £87,106.

Trustees

Current

Margaret Cushen, Louise Morpeth, Mandy Burton, Jan Maddick, Mark Burton, James Brittain, Olivia Doherty, Ashish Ghadiali, Joel Riley, Charlotte Huish and Helen Tune

Resigned

None

This report was approved by Trustees on 24th September 2024.

| DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION | | | | Charity no. 1168817 | |
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| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 | | | | | |
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| RECEIPTS | | | | 2024 | 2023 |
| | <i>General</i> | <i>Designated</i> | <i>Restricted</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| Rent: Dartington Trust Car Park | 5078 | 0 | 0 | 5078 | 5932 |
| Other rents | 60958 | 0 | 0 | 60958 | 66276 |
| SHDC grants | 0 | 0 | 10487 | 10487 | 0 |
| Fund Raising for pool | 0 | 0 | 1627 | 1627 | 285 |
| Fund Raising for bike track | 0 | 0 | 160 | 160 | |
| Totnes Town Council grant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1050 |
| ESC Lottery Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7270 |
| Funding Application British Cycling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4290 |
| Semble Network Action grant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1950 |
| South West Water grant-bike project | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1500 |
| Donations and sales | 720 | 0 | 29524 | 30244 | 3322 |
| Insurance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Electricity income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Water and sewerage Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance claim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13705 |
| Rates refund | 1568 | 0 | 0 | 1568 | |
| Repairs sink fund | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 68324 | 0 | 41798 | 110122 | 105580 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | |
| Field Grass cutting & other field maintenance | 12447 | 0 | 0 | 12447 | 7607 |
| Play Park Grass cutting | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cleaning-community centre | 3201 | 0 | 0 | 3201 | 3513 |
| Electricity and gas-community centre | 17506 | 0 | 0 | 17506 | 17902 |
| Water and sewerage-community centre | 2943 | 0 | 0 | 2943 | 3270 |
| Repairs and maintenance-community centre | 6358 | 0 | 9179 | 15537 | 18489 |
| Fire alarm and security-community centre | 149 | 0 | 0 | 149 | 0 |
| Repairs and maintenance-general | 9795 | 0 | 6676 | 16471 | 0 |
| Swimming Pool-rebuild | 0 | 0 | 7548 | 7548 | 0 |
| Rates | 72 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 623 |
| Water and sewerage-pavilion | 197 | 0 | 0 | 197 | |
| Insurance | 7190 | 0 | 0 | 7190 | 12656 |
| Telephone and internet-community centre | 839 | 0 | 0 | 839 | 1446 |
| Consultancy | 8680 | 0 | 0 | 8680 | 4843 |
| Accountancy and examination | 553 | 0 | 0 | 553 | 718 |
| IT software and consumables | 86 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 |
| Budget for Extravaganza | 1652 | 0 | 0 | 1652 | 0 |
| Grant expenditure | 3991 | 0 | 0 | 3991 | 12154 |
| Play Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 108 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 716 |
| Pool grass cuts | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 75767 | 0 | 23403 | 99170 | 83937 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | -7443 | 0 | 18395 | 10952 | 21643 |
| Adjustment | | | | | -4174 |
| Transfers | 3811 | | -3811 | | |
| Bank and cash balances at start of year | 53950 | 14813 | 7391 | 76154 | 58685 |
| Bank and cash balances at end of year | 50318 | 14813 | 21975 | 87106 | 76154 |

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| Independent Examiner | 330 | | | 330 | 330 |
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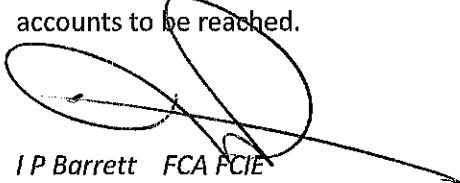
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5th November 2024

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Summary

After 5 years of delivering capital projects – two phases of the play park and the bike track, this year was focussed on making the most of these amazing resources and ensuring good upkeep of the entire estate. All grants (total value £16,060) raised were used to run activities for the community or improve the existing facilities. The site is thriving as a hub for recreation and sport with eight clubs/organisations, two businesses and three schools as regular users. In good weather there are often 250 – 350 people on site using the facilities.



Sadly, the outdoor pool developed an irreparable crack and saw its last season after more than 40 years from its opening. The transformation of the pool to heated facility run on renewable energy is the next major capital project for the charity.

Main achievements

The Meadowbrook community centre is the heart of the DRA estate and continues to attract not only regular users from the village but also visitors from across Devon. Pizzalogica has established a strong reputation for delicious handmade pizza, and the New Lion Brewery maintains a varied programme of live music and events, as well as selling a wide range of locally brewed beers. Between them NLB and Pizzalogica occupy the entire downstairs space. The upstairs space comprises two large rooms, a small meeting room and a snooker room which are all available to be booked for events, meetings and parties. Regular users include Aikaido Club, Ballet classes, Kung Foo Classes, Sub Aqua Dive Club and Drama Club. To improve the accessibility of the community centre, an accessible toilet was added with baby changing facilities in Spring 2023. Most weekends we have pop up caterers serving food in the play park.

The New Lion Brewery made the difficult decision in Spring 2023 to surrender its user agreement to run the Tap Room. This was due to the difficulties being experienced by breweries across the country from the increased costs of ingredients and energy. Working with NLB, the charity enabled the management team to take on the user agreement for the Tap Room. The Tap Room was closed for two weeks for the transition and re-opened as 'Things Happen Here' in May 2023.

Thanks to funding from British Cycling a neglected parcel of woodland was transformed into an exciting two loop rustic bike track. The track opened in Spring 2022 and has proved extremely popular. It is free to use, unsupervised and accessible 24/7. It attracts a wide range of riders from very young children learning to ride to skilled bmx riders who enjoy the challenge of the bumps and burns of the inner track. The outer loop is suitable for three wheel trikes making it accessible for children and young people with disabilities from the nearby Special School. Sessions were run for children from River Dart Academy, Bidwell School, St Johns School and Dartington Primary School to increase their confidence riding. Over 75 children including 31 with additional needs or a disability took advantage of this opportunity. A bike club has been established which runs every week in good weather. It has 35 members and typical attendance of 16 riders.

Our partner Earthjump CIC has led numerous community engagement activities. They make a major positive contribution to the DRA helping to raise grants, manage the site and engaging with schools and other partners in the community.



Earthjump organised the Meadowbrook extravaganza (a day of activities for children and families) in summer 2022 and thanks to sponsorship from Totnes Town Council, raised £4800 for the DRA. The event was a true collaboration between all the clubs and different users offering people the chance to try lots of different activities ranging from Parkour to Bushcraft. The day attracted approximately 1500 people onto the site, further raising the profile of the charity.

In spring and summer 2022 they delivered 6 Natural Play sessions in the field for the public, directly engaging approximately 25 people per session.

Over the last year they have been working with 3 schools, 1 college and TRAYE (Totnes Rural Areas Youth Engagement project) to develop a Green Vision for the much valued natural spaces within our 10 acres. So far over 250 people have taken part. Ultimately, the Vision will lead onto an established Management Plan.

In autumn 2022, they set up a coffee club – a group for people over 55. The group have become active volunteers helping to maintain the site as well as regular petanque players. In partnership with The Woman's institute they have undertaken some wildlife friendly planting in the playpark. Coffee club is supported by Pizzalogica, who provide a space to meet and coffee.

In winter 2023 they created a woodland seating area to allow groups to learn and enjoy nature. This space is used weekly.

Totnes and Dartington Football Club has used the DRA football pitch for junior teams practice and matches throughout 2022/23. The teams are incredibly popular and it is not unusual for there to be 150 people (under 10s, coaches and parents) on site on a Sunday morning.

Meadowbrook is also home to the Totnes Sub Aqua Club which is a vibrant and well supported organisation with 90 members and two ribs, a compressor and a towing vehicle. The club meets weekly at the community centre and dives local wrecks and reefs, with regular expeditions in the UK and further afield. We also have a weekly session in a local pool for swimming and training. In collaboration with Earthjump, 2 schools and a youth group we delivered 11 snorkel sessions for 83 children and young people, 17 of whom had additional needs.

The Dartington Swimming Pool Club had a good season opening the pool for the summer of 2022 from May – September. They faced challenges with staffing – lifeguards are in short supply post pandemic – but the pool was as popular as ever with schools and the public. It had long been feared that the pool was coming to the end of its life. The wood frame and bag liner had lasted much longer than expected (the pool was built in 1976). The decision to close the pool is sad but not unexpected.



Pre-planning permission has been awarded for a new design which includes air source heat pumps powered by solar PV panels to heat the water, improved access and an extended shallow end making the pool much more inclusive for older and younger swimmers and those with disabilities. Work is now underway towards securing Full Planning Permission. Volunteer organised community fundraising events have been a huge success and include; a collaboration between Dartington Trust Barn Cinema, Studio Canal and RADICAL ECOLOGY.

In the winter of 2022/23 the pavilion (a single storey wooden structure) in the pool compound had a burst pipe. The water damage was severe bringing down all of the ceilings in the building and damaging the electrics. This is the second time in 4 years that the pavilion has experienced a burst pipe. All advice had been followed but it was not sufficient to mitigate the severe frost. The charity's insurance has covered the cost of the repairs, which were completed in May 2023.

New fencing and a changed access to the pavilion means that it can now be accessed without the hazard presented by entering the pool compound. This means that the facilities can be rented to local community groups as well as providing changing facilities for sports teams using the field and storage for site users.

In addition to plans to rebuild the pool, there is a longer term project to build a new community centre. The current building cannot be refurbished and as a result a new build is the only option. The project is in the early stages undertaking community consultation to develop requirements of a future centre. At the same time, work is underway to develop a sustainability plan for the charity which will include a review of current and future energy needs and the options available to the charity for more sustainable and affordable future energy supply.

The trustees are proud of the achievements of the charity this year. Meadowbrook is a vibrant hub for recreation and sport and continues to attract more volunteers and organisations wanting to become part of this exciting, inclusive community.

In 2023/24 the trustees will focus on fund raising for the pool re-development, maximising revenue from the existing facilities (particularly the pavilion), developing a Management Plan for the green spaces on site, improving the MUGA, and ensuring a diverse and inclusive range of activities.

Charity's policy on reserves

The charity retains £20,000 as a reserve. This is sufficient to cover the running costs of the charity for a year.

Financial review

The charity received £105,580 in the period 1.4.22 – 31.3.23.

This included:

ESC Lottery grant £7270 for Bike and Splash.

Funded by Sport England through the Queens Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund we have been able to establish a more inclusive community at Dartington Bike Track and teach children and young people the skills to snorkel. We developed a program of regular training opportunities for girls, children and young people with additional needs and those living in deprived areas. Natasha Bradley, World No 2 and British no 1 female champion together with Dynamic Adventure CIC delivered Bike Coaching to enable riders to develop the confidence and ability to access and enjoy the pump track.

Semble Network Action grant £ 1950; Protecting Nature for Community Wellbeing. Meadowbrook Park includes established woodland, wet meadow, amenity green space, wildflower meadow areas, hedgerows, coppiced glades and a brook which have not historically been managed and cared for. We brought people together to care for the site through surveying it and better managing it, nurturing an engaged, knowledgeable local community with more ownership of nature on site.

South West Water £1500 for Bike for People project.

We were able to get second hand bikes and new helmets to allow children from schools who didn't have these to participate in Bike sessions. This enabled us to coach an additional 120 pupils.

Grant from British Cycling £4290 for equipment for the bike track

Totnes Town Council Arts and Events Grant of £1050 to support the Extravaganza. This community day focused on raising awareness of Meadowbrook and all the different activities, groups and facilities that exist in Dartington.

The remaining funds came from a range of sources including contributions from clubs, user fees for use of the community centre, payment for use of the car park and donations.

In the same period, the charity expended £83,937. This comprises running costs of the community centre (utilities, insurance, repairs and maintenance), grant related expenditure and general maintenance of the estate.

At the financial year end, the charity held a balance of £76,154.



Trustees

Current

Margaret Cushen, Louise Morpeth, Mandy Burton, Jan Maddick, Mark Burton, Uma Oliver, James Brittain, Olivia Doherty, Ashish Ghadiali, Joel Riley, Charlotte Huish and Helen Tune

Resigned

Will Fitzgerald (May 2023)

This report was approved by Trustees on 26th September 2023.

| DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION | | | | Charity no. 1168817 | |
|---|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 | | | | | |
| | | | | 2023 | 2022 |
| <i>RECEIPTS</i> | <i>General</i> | <i>Designated</i> | <i>Restricted</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| Rent: Dartington Trust Car Park | 5932 | | | 5932 | 5691 |
| Other rents | 66276 | | | 66276 | 31448 |
| Affiliated Club Rents | 0 | | | 0 | 845 |
| Bank Account interest | 0 | | | 0 | 1 |
| Miscellaneous Income | | | 0 | 0 | 661 |
| Grants: Dartington Parish Council/SHDC 2015 | | | 0 | 0 | 2443 |
| Grants SHDC S106 | | | 0 | 0 | 14163 |
| SHDC Covid grant Pavillions/Meadowbrook rate re | 0 | | | 0 | 16000 |
| SHDC Covid leisure grant | 0 | | | 0 | 2667 |
| Fund Raising | 285 | | | 285 | 0 |
| Totnes Town Council grant | | | 1050 | 1050 | 0 |
| ESC Lottery Fund | | | 7270 | 7270 | 0 |
| Funding Application British Cycling | | | 4290 | 4290 | 18320 |
| Semble Network Action grant | | | 1950 | 1950 | 0 |
| South West Water grant-bike project | | | 1500 | 1500 | 0 |
| Donations | 2632 | | | 2632 | 385 |
| Insurance | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 246 |
| Electricity income | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 408 |
| Water and sewerage Income | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 122 |
| Sales | 690 | | | 690 | 0 |
| Insurance claim | 13705 | | | 13705 | 0 |
| Repairs sink fund | | 0 | | 0 | 233 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 89520 | 0 | 16060 | 105580 | 93633 |
| <i>PAYMENTS</i> | | | | | |
| Field Grass cutting & other field maintenance | 7607 | | | 7607 | 2961 |
| Play Park Grass cutting | 0 | | | 0 | 580 |
| Bins & cleaning | 3513 | | | 3513 | 1585 |
| Meadowbrook gas and electricity | 17902 | | | 17902 | 12011 |
| Meadowbrook rates | 0 | | | 0 | 1592 |
| General Maintenance | 18489 | | | 18489 | 3254 |
| Repairs Meadowbrook Building | 0 | | | 0 | 5482 |
| Repairs Pavillions Buildings fire extinguishers pool | 0 | | | 0 | 11476 |
| Swimming Pool: Water Rates | 0 | | | 0 | 122 |
| Pavillions Football Season Water Rates | 0 | | | 0 | 95 |
| Pavillions Football Season Sewerage Rates | 0 | | | 0 | 116 |
| Electricity Swimming Pool | 0 | | | 0 | 50 |
| Electricity Pavillions | 0 | | | 0 | 18 |
| Rates | 623 | | | 623 | 0 |
| Rent | 500 | | | 500 | 0 |
| Insurance | 12656 | | | 12656 | 1717 |
| Water and sewerage | 3270 | | | 3270 | 0 |
| Telephone | 1446 | | | 1446 | 0 |
| Consultancy | 4843 | | | 4843 | 0 |
| Accountancy and examination | 718 | | | 718 | 0 |
| Advertising and marketing | 90 | | | 90 | 0 |
| Bike Track Expenses | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 37113 |
| Awards for all | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 5017 |
| Grant expenditure | 0 | | 12154 | 12154 | 0 |
| Play Park | 0 | | | 0 | 3962 |
| Miscellaneous | 126 | | | 126 | 4979 |

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|---|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Pool grass cuts | 0 | | | 0 | 73 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 71783 | 0 | 12154 | 83937 | 92203 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | 17737 | 0 | 3906 | 21643 | 1430 |
| Adjustment | -4174 | | | -4174 | -79 |
| Bank and cash balances at start of year | 40387 | 14813 | 3485 | 58685 | 57334 |
| Bank and cash balances at end of year | 53950 | 14813 | 7391 | 76154 | 58685 |
| DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION Charity no. 1166817 | | | | | |
| STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st MARCH 2023 | | | | | |
| | <i>General</i> | <i>Designated</i> | <i>Restricted</i> | 2023 | 2022 |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Bank & Cash Balances | | | | | |
| Barclays Current | 53950 | 14813 | 7391 | 76154 | 41970 |
| Barclays Saver less covid grant | | | | | 14806 |
| Users Repairs Account | | | | | 1909 |
| | 53950 | 14813 | 7391 | 76154 | 58685 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Independent Examiner | 330 | | | 330 | 330 |

Note:

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of Dartington Recreation Association CIO Charity no. 1168817**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dartington Recreation Association CIO for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

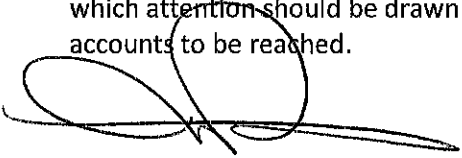
As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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: Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or The accounts do not accord with those records.

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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10th October 2023

DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1168817

Accounts

Dartington Recreation Association

Annual report 1.4.21 – 31.3.22

Type of governing document: Constitution

How the charity is constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection method: by election (appointed trustees) and nomination by affiliate clubs (nominated trustees)

Summary of charity objects

To provide or assist in the provision of land and facilities for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Dartington and the surrounding area, and of such other area or areas as the trustees may from time to time resolve to invite, for recreation, sport, education or other leisure time occupation of groups and individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

Summary of main activities

The charity has made significant progress towards establishing Meadowbrook as a hub for recreation and sport for all who live, learn, work and play in Dartington. Building on the success of the play park installed in 2020, the charity has breathed new life into the community centre and added to the facilities by building an open-access, two-loop, rustic bike track. The charity has welcomed back clubs and activities paused during the worst of COVID and established relationships with new organisations.



Summary of main achievements



A long time in the planning, the bike track project was completed this year thanks to the amazing efforts of a small group of volunteers. Funding from South Hams District Council (Section 106) and British Cycling has transformed a neglected parcel of woodland into an exciting, two loop track. The outer loop is suitable for younger riders and three wheel trikes; the inner loop is a pump track suitable for riders seeking more challenge. It has been constructed around the established trees making it a genuinely rustic track. The track is unsupervised and open 24/7. It has been phenomenally popular from the moment it was completed! Located at the end of the cycle track connecting Totnes & Dartington and on the cycle route linking Dartington to the nearby Steiner School, the track is safely accessible to hundreds of children and young people.

In March 2021 the Meadowbrook Social Club, long-term tenants of the Community Centre, took the difficult decision to permanently close. After 40 years as a major asset to the community, this came as a serious blow. It meant that responsibility for the Community Centre reverted to the Charity. The building was empty and unused for the majority of 2020 as a result of COVID. It was in a very poor state of repair. Concerned that the building could become a significant drain on the Charity's reserves, the Trustees were keen to find users of the space that would not only provide amenities for the parish but also contribute to the running costs of the building.

A local chef and entrepreneur took on part of the downstairs space to open a pizza take away, and the remaining downstairs space was taken on by local, community-owned brewery, New Lion, to run a tap room. From tentative beginnings and the uncertainties of COVID, the two organisations have gone from strength to strength not only providing wonderful new amenities for the village but also enabling other organisations to flourish. The occupation of the ground floor has enabled the re-opening of the upstairs rooms for sports clubs, parties and events. This includes Aikido, ballet, Kung Foo, dive club and drama. The snooker room, which contains a full size snooker table, has also been re-opened and is available to anyone to book and use. Bookings are managed on-line which has made the facilities more accessible to more people. Pop up caterers are invited on site at the weekend to provide a more varied food offering.

The community brewery offers a rich, diverse and evolving programme of events including book club, board games nights, jamming sessions, live music, DJ nights and quiz nights.

Clubs affiliated to the charity were all hit hard by COVID. The Dartington Swimming Pool club had two seasons affected by COVID restrictions - a problem compounded by the shortage of qualified life guards post COVID. The Totnes Sub Aqua Club had a much restricted programme of diving but has come through the pandemic and is growing its membership. The Meadowbrook Athletic Football Club has suffered a decline in members and has agreed to merge with Totnes & Dartington Football Club.

The charity is fortunate to have strong relationships with the three schools that neighbour Meadowbrook (Bidwell Special School, River Dart Academy and Dartington Primary School), the Dartington Parish Council, the Dartington Hall Trust and affiliated clubs. The ways these organisations work together is well illustrated by coordinated fund raising to install a defibrillator in Spring 2022. The school raised £251, the council granted £1500 and the remainder was made up by



donations from all the clubs and organisations connected to the DRA. The DRA was delighted to have the support of Jay's Aim, a local charity working tirelessly to reduce the rate of sudden cardiac death among young people in the south west, with the installation of the defibrillator and training of local people to use it.

The trustees are proud of the charity's achievements in 2021/22 and confident that they are making major strides towards becoming a hub for recreation and sport for the village.

In 2022/23 the trustees will focus on: (1) establishing sustainable post COVID income for the charity; (2) further strengthening the governance of the charity; (3) planning for the re-development of the community centre and swimming pool.

Charity's policy on reserves

The charity retains £20,000 as a reserve. This is sufficient to cover the running costs of the charity for a year.

Financial review

The charity received £93,632.66 in the period 1.4.21 – 31.3.22.

This included:

- Grant from Dartington Parish Council towards defibrillator £1500
- Grant from Dartington Parish Council towards Colins Bridge repairs £943.20
- 4 grants from South Hams District Council
- Covid rate relief grant 2 £8000
- Covid leisure grant £2667
- S106 grant for community centre £2775.94
- S106 grant towards bike track £11,387
- Grant from British Cycling £18,320 towards bike track

The remaining funds came from a range of sources including contributions from clubs and payment for use of the car park.

In the same period, the charity expended £92202.24. This comprised installation of bike track, and ongoing maintenance and repairs of the facilities,

At the financial year end, the charity held a balance of £58,685.72.

Trustees

Current

Will Fitzgerald

Margaret Cushen

Louise Morpeth

Mandy Burton



Jan Maddick

Resigned

Jinty Balch (May 22)

Peggy Prout (March 22)

Alan Blake (August 22)

Lynne Williams (July 22)

This report was approved by the trustees on 27th September 2022.

| DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION | | | | Charity no. 1168817 | |
|---|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022 | | | | | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | 2022 | 2021 |
| | <i>General</i> | <i>Designated</i> | <i>Restricted</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| Rent: Dartington Trust Car Park | 5691 | | | 5691 | 5848 |
| Other rents | 31448 | | | 31448 | 892 |
| Affiliated Club Rents | 845 | | | 845 | 1217 |
| Bank Account Interest | 1 | | | 1 | 55 |
| Coppicing | | | | 0 | 1325 |
| Miscellaneous Income | | | 659 | 659 | 276 |
| Grants: Dartington Parish Council/SHDC 2015 | | | 2443 | 2443 | |
| Grants SHDC S106 | | | 14163 | 14163 | 46679 |
| SHDC Covid grant Pavilions/Meadowbrook rate re | 16000 | | | 16000 | 20658 |
| SHDC Covid leisure grant | 2667 | | | 2667 | |
| Fund Raising | | | | | |
| Funding Applications Awards for all | | | | | 9850 |
| Funding Applications Post code Lottery | | | | | 20000 |
| Funding Application British Cycling | | | 18320 | 18320 | 0 |
| Donations | | | 385 | 385 | |
| Insurance | | | 246 | 246 | 9671 |
| Electricity income | | | 408 | 408 | 317 |
| Water and sewerage Income | | | 122 | 122 | 96 |
| Pool Grass cut | | | | 0 | |
| Pavilions Repair toilet | | | | 0 | 66 |
| Repairs sink fund | | 233 | | 233 | 850 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 56652 | 233 | 36747 | 93633 | 117800 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | |
| Field Grass cutting & other field maintenance | 2961 | | | 2961 | 1750 |
| Play Park Grass cutting | 580 | | | 580 | 900 |
| Bins & cleaning | 1585 | | | 1585 | 423 |
| Meadowbrook gas and electricity | 12011 | | | 12011 | 0 |
| Meadowbrook rates | 1592 | | | 1592 | 0 |
| General Maintenance | 3254 | | | 3254 | 1011 |
| Repairs Meadowbrook Building | 5482 | | | 5482 | 3292 |
| Repairs Pavillions Buildings fire extinguishers pool | 11476 | | | 11476 | 437 |
| Swimming Pool Sewerage Rates | | | | | 52 |
| Swimming Pool: Water Rates | 122 | | | 122 | 89 |
| Pavillions Football Season Water Rates | 95 | | | 95 | 118 |
| Pavillions Football Season Sewerage Rates | 116 | | | 116 | 71 |
| Electricity Swimming Pool | 50 | | | 50 | 665 |
| Electricity Pavillions | 18 | | | 18 | 136 |
| Rate Relief grant donation to Pool | | | | | 4044 |
| Rate Relief Covid grant donationto Sub Aqua | | | | | 87 |
| Insurance Meadowbrook Contents | | | | | 95 |
| Insurance | 1717 | | | 1717 | 4297 |
| Insurance Payout repairs Pavilions | | | | | 8686 |
| Insurance repairs Pavilions Covid grant | | | | | 983 |

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Office Admin | | | | | 553 |
| Coppicing Expenses | | | | | 536 |
| New Play Park Fencing & Play Bark | | | | | 0 |
| Fun Day expenses | | | | | |
| Bike Track Expenses | | | 37113 | 37113 | |
| Awards for all | | | 5017 | 5017 | 2982 |
| Play Park payments post code Lottery | | | | | 0 |
| Play Park | 3962 | | | 3962 | 3708 |
| Kompan (post code Lottery) | | | | | 18000 |
| Grants SHDC S106 Kompan | | | | | 46679 |
| Play Park Benches from 2019 PC grant | | | | | 840 |
| Miscellaneous | 4979 | | | 4979 | 273 |
| Pool grass cuts | 73 | | | 73 | 30 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 50073 | 0 | 42130 | 92202 | 100737 |
| | | | | | |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | 6580 | 233 | -5383 | 1430 | 17063 |
| Adjustment | -79 | | | -79 | |
| | | | | | |
| Bank and cash balances at start of year | 33886 | 14580 | 8868 | 57334 | 40271 |
| | | | | | |
| Bank and cash balances at end of year | 40387 | 14813 | 3485 | 58685 | 57334 |
| | | | | | |
| DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION Charity no. 1168817 | | | | | |
| STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st MARCH 2022 | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | <i>General</i> | <i>Designated</i> | <i>Restricted</i> | 2022 | 2021 |
| | | | | | |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Bank & Cash Balances | | | | | |
| Barclays Current | 23672 | 14813 | 3485 | 41970 | 5261 |
| Barclays Saver less covid grant | 14806 | | | 14806 | 12388 |
| Covid Grant remainder | | | | | 14998 |
| PC Grant (previous restricted funds) | | | | | 1500 |
| Match funding savers account | | | | | 386 |
| Users Repairs Account | 1909 | | | 1909 | 1744 |
| | | | | | |
| COIF Charities Deposit Fund | | | | 0 | 20838 |
| Cash in hand | | | | | 219 |
| | | | | | |
| | 40387 | 14813 | 3485 | 58685 | 57334 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Independent Examiner | 330 | | | 330 | 330 |
| | | | | | |

Note:

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of Dartington Recreation Association CIO Charity no. 1168817**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dartington Recreation Association CIO for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

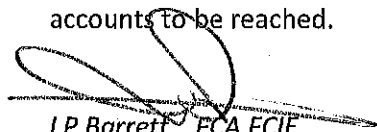
As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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:
Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
The accounts do not accord with those records.

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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24th October 2022

DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1168817

Accounts

Dartington Recreation Association – Charity number 168817

Annual report 1.4.20 – 31.3.21

Type of governing document: Constitution

How the charity is constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection method: by election (appointed trustees) and nomination by affiliate clubs (nominated trustees)

Summary of charity objects

To provide or assist in the provision of land and facilities for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Dartington and the surrounding area, and of such other area or areas as the trustees may from time to time resolve to invite, for recreation, sport, education or other leisure time occupation of groups and individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

Summary of main activities

The charity has sought to maintain and improve the land (10 acres) and facilities (community centre, outdoor swimming pool, play park, tennis courts, pavilion and football pitch (see picture) for which it is responsible and in so doing improve the access to those facilities for the inhabitants of the parish and surrounding areas.





Summary of main achievements

Despite the challenge of COVID, the charity has made significant progress with its ambition to become a vibrant hub for recreation and sport in Dartington.

An impressive inclusive natural play park was installed in the summer thanks to grants from South Hams District Council and the Postcode Lottery. The play park includes wheelchair accessible trampoline and roundabout, as well as a trim trail and zip wire. It was an addition to work undertaken in 2019 when new swings, a petanque court and table tennis table were installed. The park is hugely popular and attracts families from Dartington, Totnes and beyond.

The Charity was awarded a grant by Awards for All to undertake engagement activities with children from the three schools that neighbour the site and to install seating and signage. Unfortunately, due to COVID and with the agreement of the funder, the activities involving the children were postponed to 2021.

The bike track project took a major step forward when funding was secured from South Hams District Council and British Cycling. Due to COVID, site preparation and installation was postponed to 2021.

Sadly, COVID led to the Meadowbrook Social Club, long-term tenants of the Community Centre, taking the difficult decision to permanently close the club in March 2021. After 40 years as a major asset to the community, this came as a serious blow. It meant that responsibility for the Community Centre reverted to the Charity. The building was empty and unused for the majority of 2020 and in a poor state of repair. Concerned that the building could become a significant drain on the Charity's reserves, the Trustees were keen to find users of the space that would not only provide amenities for the parish but also contribute to the running costs of the building. A local chef and entrepreneur took on part of the downstairs space to open a pizza take away, and the remaining downstairs space was taken on by local, community-owned brewery, New Lion, to run a tap room. It was hoped that both businesses would be able to succeed despite any restrictions required to manage the COVID pandemic and provide vital income to maintain the building and open the upstairs space of sport and recreation as soon as safe to do.

During the winter, a burst pipe in the roof space of the pavilion causing considerable damage to the kitchen. An insurance claim covered most of the costs to repair all damage and install a new kitchen.

The clubs affiliated to the charity were badly affected by the pandemic. Meadowbrook Athletic Football Club was unable to play any matches and Totnes Sub Aqua Club were unable to dive. The Dartington Swimming Pool club worked tirelessly to provide COVID safe opportunities to swim through the summer. This was enabled by funds from a COVID rate relief grant from the District Council as well as support from Normal Family Charitable Trust and Gibbons Trusts.

It was heartening to see a major increase in footfall across the DRA land and play park throughout the pandemic. As a free and safe amenity, it was one of the few amenities that people could use during periods of lockdown and restrictions. The Trustees were proud to provide improved facilities at a time when they were really needed.



The trustees were pleased to maintain momentum with fund raising and major improvements during 2020 and look forward to progressing plans to install the bike track and re-open the community centre as well as supporting clubs to re-start activities COVID permitting.

Charity's policy on reserves

The charity has just over £48,466 of unrestricted reserves held as cash. The charity's policy is to retain this reserve to meet the cost of refurbishment and repair of current facilities, which are dated and in desperate need of upgrading.

Financial review

The charity received £117,800 in the period 1.4.20 – 31.3.21.

This included:

£46,679 grant from South Hams District Council from Section 106 funds for play park

£20,000 grant from the Postcode Lottery for play park

£9,850 grant from Awards for All for community engagement and developing facilities

£20,000 rate relief grant (due to COVID)

£9671 insurance claim to refurbish pavilion after water damage

The remaining funds came from a range of sources including contributions from clubs and payment for use of the car park.

In the same period, the charity expended £100,737. This comprised installation of play park, part delivery of a community engagement project and ongoing maintenance and repairs of the facilities,

At the financial year end, the charity held a balance of £57,334.

Trustees

Will Fitzgerald (21.4.21 - present)

Margaret Cushen (17.11.21 - present)

Jinty Balch (24.1.20- present)

Louise Morpeth (13.10.16 - present)

Mandy Burton (13.10.16 - present)

Peggy Prout (1.7.16 - present)

Alan Tudor (resigned 20.4.21)

Carole Tudor (resigned 30.8.21)

Stephen Hannay (resigned 20.9.21)

Jan Maddick (22.11.18 - present)

Lynne Williams (17.11.17 - present)

Alan Blake (24.1.20 - present)

This report was approved by the trustees on Saturday 27th November 2021.

Signed: Mandy Bruton (trustee)

DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION - Charly number 1168817
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

| | | | | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | | | £ | £ |
| <i>RECEIPTS</i> | <i>General</i> | <i>designated</i> | <i>Restricted</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| Rent: Dartington Trust Car Park | 5848 | - | - | 5848 | 5684 |
| Other rents | 892 | - | - | 892 | 1361 |
| Affiliated Club Rents | 962 | 255 | - | 1217 | 1483 |
| Bank Account Interest | 55 | - | - | 55 | 238 |
| Coppicing | 1325 | - | - | 1325 | 1176 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 276 | - | - | 276 | 3460 |
| Grants: Dartington Parish Council/SHDC 2015 | - | - | - | - | 2500 |
| Grants SHDC 5106 | - | - | 46679 | 46679 | - |
| SHDC Covid grant Pavillions rate relief | 658 | 20000 | - | 20658 | - |
| Fund Raising | - | - | - | - | 674 |
| Funding Applications Awards for all | - | - | 9850 | 9850 | 54953 |
| Funding Applications Post code Lottery | - | - | 20000 | 20000 | - |
| Donations | - | - | - | - | 547 |
| Insurance | 985 | 8686 | - | 9671 | 1015 |
| Electricity income | 317 | - | - | 317 | 1468 |
| Water and sewerage Income | 96 | - | - | 96 | 328 |
| Pool Grass cut | - | - | - | - | 92 |
| Pavillions Repair toilet | 66 | - | - | 66 | - |
| Repairs sink fund | 800 | 50 | - | 850 | 830 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 12280 | 28991 | 76529 | 117800 | 75809 |
| <i>PAYMENTS</i> | | | | | |
| Field Grass cutting & other field maintenance | 1750 | - | - | 1750 | 2882 |
| Play Park Grass cutting | 900 | - | - | 900 | 1575 |
| Bins | 423 | - | - | 423 | - |
| General Maintenance | 1011 | - | - | 1011 | - |
| Repairs Meadowbrook Building | 3292 | - | - | 3292 | 4488 |
| Repairs Pavillions Buildings fire extinguishers pool | 204 | 233 | - | 437 | 0 |
| Swimming Pool Sewerage Rates | 52 | - | - | 52 | 53 |
| Swimming Pool: Water Rates | 89 | - | - | 89 | 110 |
| Pavillions Football Season Water Rates | 118 | - | - | 118 | 75 |
| Pavillions Football Season Sewerage Rates | 71 | - | - | 71 | 76 |
| Electricity Swimming Pool | 317 | 348 | - | 665 | 910 |
| Electricity Pavillions | 136 | - | - | 136 | 162 |
| Rate Relief grant donation to Pool | - | 4044 | - | 4044 | - |
| Rate Relief Covid grant donation to Sub Aqua | - | 87 | - | 87 | - |
| Insurance Meadowbrook Contents | 95 | - | - | 95 | - |
| Insurance | 4297 | - | - | 4297 | 1781 |
| Insurance Payout repairs Pavillions | - | 8686 | - | 8686 | - |
| Insurance repairs Pavillions Covid grant | - | 983 | - | 983 | - |
| Office Admin | 553 | - | - | 553 | 234 |
| Coppicing Expenses | 536 | - | - | 536 | 122 |
| New Play Park Fencing & Play Bark | - | - | - | - | 4757 |
| Fun Day expenses | - | - | - | - | 326 |
| Bike Track Expenses | - | - | - | - | 385 |
| Awards for all | - | - | 2982 | 2982 | - |
| Play Park payments post code Lottery | - | - | - | - | 59976 |
| Play Park | 3708 | - | - | 3708 | - |
| Kompan (post code Lottery) | - | - | 18000 | 18000 | - |

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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Grants SHDC 5106 Kompan | - | - | 46679 | 46679 | - |
| Play Park Benches from 2019 PC grant | 840 | - | - | 840 | - |
| Miscellaneous | 273 | - | - | 273 | 824 |
| Pool grass cuts | - | 30 | - | 30 | 92 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 18665 | 14411 | 67661 | 100737 | 78808 |
| Excess of Expenditure over Income | -6385 | 14580 | 8868 | 17063 | -2999 |
| Bank and cash balances at start of year | 40271 | 0 | 0 | 40271 | 43270 |
| Bank and cash balances at end of year | 33886 | 14580 | 8868 | 57334 | 40271 |

DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION - Charity number 1168817
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st MARCH 2021

| | | | | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | £ | £ |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Bank & Cash Balances | | | | | |
| Barclays Current | 5261 | - | - | 5261 | 4369 |
| Barclays Saver less covid grant | 3520 | - | 8868 | 12388 | 7852 |
| Covid Grant remainder | 14998 | - | - | 14998 | - |
| PC Grant (previous restricted funds) | 1500 | - | - | 1500 | - |
| Match funding savers account | 386 | - | - | 386 | 1110 |
| Users Repairs Account | 1744 | - | - | 1744 | 943 |
| COIF Charities Deposit Fund | 6258 | 14580 | - | 20838 | 25796 |
| Cash in hand | 219 | - | - | 219 | 201 |
| | 33886 | 14580 | 8868 | 57334 | 40271 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Independent Examiner | | | | 330 | 330 |

Note:

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

Signed: Mandy Burton (trustee)

Approved by the trustees on 27th November 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)** 1168817

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 12/01/2022

Name:

IAN BARRETT

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCA FCIE

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Newton Abbot

Devon TQ12 2JS

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

