

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 - Charity number 1168817
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

				2021	2020
				£	£
RECEIPTS	<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
PAYMENTS					
Field Grass cutting & other field maintenance	1750	-	-	1750	2862
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 Park	-	-	-	-	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	-

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

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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



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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

Set out on pages

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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):

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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.