

Type of governing document: Constitution

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

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.



The Meadowbrook site continues to thrive and grow as a hub for Dartington and the surrounding area.



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	
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024					
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

DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION		Charity no. 1168817			
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st MARCH 2024					
	General	Designated	Restricted	2024	2023
Assets					
Bank & Cash Balances					
Barclays Current	50318	14813	21975	87106	76154
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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 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

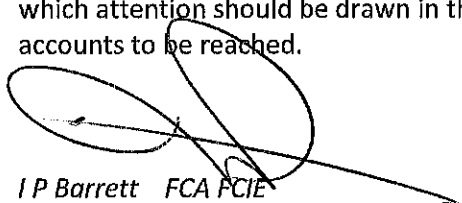
As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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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5th November 2024