

SPORT AND ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY (SPARC) SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1170997

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-01-05

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:1. TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR SPORTS, RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.2. TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY AND LEISURE CENTRE AND FACILITIES AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY, VOLUNTARY AND/OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: To help fund the provision through partnerships of Sport , Leisure , Theatre and Arts activities to all members of the Community on a fully inclusive basis which the SpArC centre serves in South West Shropshire i.e. the young through to the elderly , working with Schools and Care Homes , the very fit through

to the less fit including patients referred for remedial fitness classes by GP surgeries .

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£105,817	£9,357	-	-
2024-12-31	£125,342	£24,854	-	-
2023-12-31	£82,968	£27,408	-	-
2022-12-31	£18,797	£92,953	-	-
2021-12-31	£37,140	£27,341	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Fiona Boak		2025-10-01
GRAHAM STUART HEMMINGS		2017-03-01
Heather Kidd		2025-10-01
Jean Shirley		2018-01-05
Julie Magill		2025-10-01
MARTIN ANTHONY HOWITT		2023-06-01
RYAN JOHN DAVIES		2017-03-30
Reuben Talbot Thorley		2018-11-14
Ruth Margaret Houghton		2017-03-01
Stephen Rooney		2025-10-01

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT FOR Y/E 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Total Receipts for the year were £105.8k with Total Payments £9.4k resulting in a surplus for the year of £96.4k and Total Bank Balances of £326.3k.

The Receipts included £20k from the Bishops Castle Town Council, £10k from Private Donations, £25.5k from Grants awarded by a number of charitable grant providers, £2.3k from the Co-op Community Fund and £31.1k from the Sparc Charity's Fund Raising activities. In addition, Gift Aid Claims amounted to £6.7k with Interest earned on Bank Deposits contributing £10.2k.

Significant Payments were £3k donated to Theatre activities and £5.4k relating to Fund Raising expenses.

The Charity has now raised the requisite target funding of £250k to support the Swimming Pool refurbishment project. This has enabled the appointment of a Project Manager, the triggering of the tendering process and the recent negotiation of contracts which are awaiting signature. The work is scheduled to commence in February 2026 alongside a major project to "Decarbonise" the Sparc Leisure Centre. This latter project has been funded by the UK Government with the monies being channelled to Shropshire County Council who own the site.

The balance of £76.3k includes a sum of £26.4k which is a sinking fund accumulating to help finance the eventual repair and replacement of the outdoor "all-weather" pitch facility (often referred to as the "MUGA" or the "Multi-Games Area). A sum of £5k per annum is being added to the Sinking Fund. In addition, a total of £3.9k is earmarked for a number of small projects with the balance of £46.3k being held to help fund the replacement of Theatre Equipment (Sound Equipment) and the installation of a raking system to enable the mechanical movement and storage of seating.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

01/01/25 to 31/12/2025

RECEIPTS

Private Donations:

Direct Post Donations

£ 1005.00

Sub Total

1005.00

Town & Parish Council Donations (2024 & 2025 Donations)
Corporate Community Fund Donations - Group

2000.00
2500.00

Grants Received

Rowland Trust

ESG Lottery Fund Grant

Wine Foundation Grants for new living equipment

12000.00
19000.00
520.00

Sub Total

23500.00

Rund - Raising Activities

Sponsored Swimming Donations - Direct to Charity by B&C/Chaque/Club

Sponsored Swimming Donations - Just Giving

Signs

Plant Stall

500 Club Subscriptions

Friends of Theatre Subscriptions Received

Collecting Boxes

Bank House & Millbrook Pop up Gifts

Midwinter Pop-up Cafe

Market House Fundraising Quiz

Grand Finale Auction - Mill Park via Just Giving

Grand Finale Auction - Mill Park via Every Good Reader

Grand Finale Draw

Grand Finale Donations in Baskets

FC Donations

Apple Pressing Event

Benfire Event

Sale of Agones / Mugs/Prints

Gallery Event - no Donations

Payment of net Fundraising from 2024 City Hall Fair Zone & Benfire Events

2095.50
8092.85
2329.85
1573.54
3334.00
1395.00
196.22
592.47
796.58
215.50
745.00
1115.23
206.20
18.90
37.84
632.80
42.20
217.20
75.00
707.50

Sub Total

31059.84

Gift Aid Claims Received from MFC

698.79

Actual & Accrued Bank Interest

16182.88

TOTAL RECEIPTS

105816.89

Surplus b/f

96459.95

Opening Balance per Bank Statements 01/01/2025

229822.58

Closing Balance per Bank Statements 31/12/2025

326282.53

BANK STATEMENTS @ 31/12/2025

Carl Cash A/c no 1

160.97

Carl Cash A/c no 2

246.13

Carl Gold Deposit A/c

55157.32

United Trust Bank Deposit A/c

168637.30

Cambridge & County Bank No 1 Deposit A/c

51413.49

Cambridge & County Bank No 2 Deposit A/c

50667.32

TOTAL PER BANK STATEMENTS

326282.53

PAYMENTS

£

Funding provided to SpAC Theatre
Funding Donations to SpAC Theatre & BC Town Council
Payment of Theatre Friends Jobs & Gift Aid to B&C collected by SpAC Charity

0.00
5034.87

Sub Total

3034.87

Rund Raising Expenses

Purchase of Service Card Readers

Tennis Egg Truck

4 hrs of Signage Equipment for 2024 & 2025 Events

Renewal of 100 Club Annual Licenses

500 Club Prizes

Donation to FC for 500 Club Admin

Just Giving 60 Subscriptions

Donations to BC Community Land Trust

108.00
33.00
3705.10
3700.00
160.00
355.50

Sub Total

5410.40

Other Expenses

Enterprise House - Printing Costs

Footst Park Prints & Water butchery

Podiat Park Barbecue/Turnouts

Grand Finale Expenses

Transfer of Bank Money to Park in the Park

325.58
24.00

Sub Total

182.12

Bank Account Fees

146.88

TOTAL PAYMENTS

9355.94



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name:
Sport & Arts in the Community (SPARC) South West Shropshire

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1170997

Set out on pages

(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 31/12/2025 .

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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:

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Signed:

Date:

03/03/26

Name:

CLIVE THOMAS SAWYER

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

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Address:

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Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2024
Sport & Arts in the Community (SPARC) South West Shropshire
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The main focus of the Charity's activities in 2024 was to raise the funds required to support the urgent replacement of the existing swimming pool which was 50 years old with a liner which was at risk of splitting and leaking water.

The fund-raising for a new Pool was launched by the High Sheriff of Shropshire in mid-November 2023 with a target of £250k.

The objective is to install a new sustainable Pool which uses less water and energy providing a new facility fit for the next 50 years.

During the 2024 financial year Cumulative Receipts booked totalled £125.3k against Cumulative Payments of £24.9k.

Included in the Receipts were £41.2k of Private Donations , £2.6k of Town & Parish Council Donations and a Corporate Community Donation of £2k. In addition £4k of Grants were received with Fund-raising Events contributing £43k together with another £18.8k of gift aid claimed from the HMRC on the Events and Private Donations. Interest earned on monies held in deposit accounts yielded £7.1k.

Turning to expenditure, Payments during the 2024 Financial Year included £6.2k on completing the planned Café installation which was funded by a grant originally received from Calor Gas, £2.5k on the provision of "Social Prescribed" exercises for vulnerable people funded by a grant from Shropshire Council and £1.1k on Lifeguard Training using a grant from the Wynn Foundation. Payments of £3.9k were made to support the funding of the SPARC Theatre, £1k being a Private Donation with the remaining £2.9k coming from Theatre Friends Subscriptions and the Gift Aid claimed on the Subscriptions. Fund-raising expenses totalled £5.1k whilst Other expenses amounted to £3.5k including a Payment of £1.4k for seating in the outside Pocket Park area which was funded by a grant.

Bank Deposits at 31/12/24 stood at £229.8k and the Trustees are confident that the funding target of £250k for the Swimming Pool Project will be achieved by the end of March 2025 with a plan to see the new facility installed in the late summer or early autumn.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

01/01/24 to 31/12/2024

RECEIPTS	£
Private Donations:	
One-off Pool Donations	40190.00
Private Donation for Theatre	<u>1000.00</u>
Sub Total	41190.00
Town & Parish Council Donations	2598.00
Corporate Community Fund Donations	2000.00
Olympic FanZone Sponsorship Receipts (note includes Donation from CastleHaven)	2925.00
Olympic FanZone Cash Donations banked in CAF A/c	3390.12
Olympic FanZone Donations received via Just Giving	319.93
Grants Received	
EQF RIBA DONATION	1000.00
CONNEXUS	<u>3000.00</u>
Sub Total	4000.00
Fund - Raising Activities:	
Sponsored Swimming Donations: Direct to Charity by BACS/Cheque/Cash	8833.60
Sponsored Swimming Donations: Just Giving	3802.57
Bingo	2333.20
Plant Stall	1702.00
500 Club Subscriptions	8472.00
Friends of Theatre Subscriptions Received	2094.00
Collecting Boxes	217.36
Sale of Mugs for Pool Appeal	322.00
Mermaid Film & Table Top Sale	358.85
Bake-Off Fundraiser	113.00
Hundred House Purslow Quiz	311.00
Sam & the Hot Rods	715.00
Easter Egg Hunt & Events	400.40
Newcastle on Clun Coffee Morning	1000.00
Abbeyfield Coffee Morning	651.07
Mayors Music Fest	961.00
FX Collection Buckets	1869.78
Yard Sale	135.50
Donation of Prize for Primary School Fund Raiser	500.00
Hustings Collection	40.00
Mayors Service Church Collection	213.50
Michaelmas Fair Café - Card Readers Revenue	190.41
Cash Revenue	608.18
Michaelmas Fair Morris Dancers Collection	139.49
Norbury Table Tennis Collection	50.00
Apple Pressing Event	1130.29
Bonfire Event	3083.04
Sale of Books Event	511.50
Gallery Event	576.32
Clun Mayors Fund-Raiser	1696.00
Sub Total	43031.06
Gift Aid Claims Received ex-HMRC	18539.64
Gift Aid Claims Received ex-Just Giving	258.68
Actual & Accrued Bank Interest	<u>7089.59</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	125342.02
Surplus b/f	100487.68
Opening Balance per Bank Statements 01/01/2024	<u>129334.90</u>
Closing Balance per Bank Statements @ 31/12/2024	<u>229822.58</u>

PAYMENTS	£
Funding Donations to Shropshire Community Leisure Trust:	
Funding for Café Trolley/Furniture/ Tree Sculpture etc.	6154.29
Payment to SC Leisure for A/C Exercise Referrals	2500.00
Lifeguard Training (funded by Grant from Wynn Foundation)	1080.00
Sub Total	9734.29
Funding provided to SpArC Theatre	
Funding Donations to SpArC Theatre ex BC Town Council & Myndtown PC	0.00
Payment of Theatre Friends Subscriptions & Gift Aid to EH collected by SpArC Charity	2905.00
Payment of Private Donation to Theatre	<u>1000.00</u>
Sub Total	3905.00
Olympic FanZone Costs	2400.00
Fund Raising Expenses:	
Purchase of SumUp Card Readers	69.98
Easter Egg Hunt	22.60
Hire of Bingo Equipment	0.00
Renewal of 500 Club Annual Licence	20.00
500 Club Prizes	3822.20
Donation to EH for 500 Club Admin	1000.00
Just Giving DD Subscription	198.00
Gallery Event Expenses	24.26
Sub Total	5157.04
Other Expenses:	
Enterprise House - Printing Costs	443.99
Pocket Park Plants & Water Butts etc.	216.42
Pocket Park Benches/Furniture	1433.52
Purchase of Jigsaws	266.70
Transfer of Bonfire Money to Party in the Park	1117.79
Sub Total	3478.42
Bank Account Fees	<u>179.59</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	24854.34

BANK STATEMENTS @ 31/12/2024

Caf Cash A/c no 1	544.18
Caf Cash A/c no 2	347.87
Caf Gold Deposit A/c	70352.87
United Trust Bank Deposit A/c	137285.56
Charity Bank	<u>21292.10</u>
TOTAL PER BANK STATEMENTS	<u>229822.58</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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members of

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On accounts for the year
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Signed:

Date:

15/04/25

Name:

CHRIS SAWYER

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

C.I.O.T

Address:

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Accounts

Annual Report for the Year Ending 31/12/2023
Sport & Arts in the Community (SPARC) South West Shropshire
Charity Registered in England & Wales – No. 1170997

Total Receipts for the year rose to nearly £83k reflecting the launch of the Appeal in mid-November by the High Sheriff of Shropshire to raise funds for the installation of a new insulated and energy efficient Swimming Pool which uses less water. Improved access to the Pool will also be provided with the aid of steps and handrails. Appeal Receipts included one-off donations of £13.4k, sponsored swim donations of £3.5k direct to our Charity with a further £1.2k received via SPARC's Just Giving web page. Most of these donations have been gift-aided and a claim has been submitted to HMRC with payment expected in January 2024.

Town and Parish Council Donations totalled £36.3k for the year in recognition of the communities' support for the future of the SPARC Leisure Centre and the Pool in particular.

Grants received amounted to £7.4k, including £3.2k from the National Gardens Scheme Charity to enable the installation of rainwater collection facilities and the completion of the Pocket Park Project, £2.5k for an Adult Social Care pilot project, and £1250 for funding Pool lifeguard training.

Our fund-raising activities raised a total of £19.5k in the year which included the sponsored swimming donations mentioned above. The Bingo night and Plant Stalls yielded £1.9k and £1.5k respectively with the 500 Club subscriptions amounting to £8.5k and Friends of Theatre subscriptions totalling nearly £2k.

Significant payments for the year were the £6k paid to fund the extension of the service contract from 5 to 7 years on the purchase of the new Technogym Gym equipment we funded in 2022. Nearly £14k of grants, donations received, and Theatre Friends subscriptions collected on behalf of the Theatre were paid out to the Theatre, and £4.1k was paid out to winners of the 500 Club lottery prizes during the year.

Finally, nearly £2k was spent on funding the purchase of water-butts and additional plants for the Pocket Park.

Receipts exceeded Payments by £55.6k in 2023 resulting in the Charity's bank balances at the year end totalling to £129334.90. A new bank account has been opened with the United Trust Bank to benefit from a higher rate of interest – currently 5.25%. Additional Bank Accounts are in the process of being opened to both improve the interest rates available to the Charity and at the same time ensure that each of our bank account arrangements enable us to retain the maximum protection under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

01/01/23 to 31/12/2023

RECEIPTS	£
Private Donations:	
Funeral Donation for Theatre	356.00
One-off Pool Donations	13357.71
Regular Pool Donations	0.00
Sub Total	13713.71
 Corporate Community Fund Donations	 55.25
 Town & Parish Council Donations	 36308.00
Community Fund Donation ex HSBC Bank A/c	2500.00
 Grants Received	
Barchester Charity - Theatre Funding	500.00
NGS Charity - Pocket Park Project	3189.59
ASC Preventative Grant	2500.00
Wynn Foundation Grant for Lifeguard Training	1250.00
Sub Total	7439.59
 Fund - Raising Activities:	
Sponsored Swimming Donations: Direct to Charity by BACS/Cheque/Cash	3451.00
Sponsored Swimming Donations: Just Giving	1216.04
Bingo	1900.00
Plant Stall	1470.60
500 Club Subscriptions	8584.00
Six Bells Quiz Magicians Night	55.00
Friends of Theatre Subscriptions Received	1960.00
Mistletoe Sales & Donations	55.00
Collecting Boxes	106.80
Open Mic Donations - Young Performers	700.00
Sub Total	19498.44
 Gift Aid Claims Received	 957.26
 Bank Interest	 2495.66
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 82967.91
 Surplus b/f	55560.11
Bank Balances b/f 01/01/23	73774.79
Closing Balance per Bank Statements @ 31/12/2023	<u>129334.90</u>

BANK STATEMENTS @ 31/12/2023

Caf Cash A/c no 1	306.37
Caf Cash A/c no 2	552.53
Caf Gold Deposit A/c	45715.54
United Trust Bank Deposit	82760.46

TOTAL PER BANK STATEMENTS 129334.90

PAYMENTS	£
Funding Donations to Shropshire Council:	
Funding of 2 year Extension of Service Contract - Gym Equipment	6023.68
Sub Total	6023.68
 Funding Donations to SpArC Theatre ex BC Town Council & Myndtown PC	
Payment of Theatre Friends Subscriptions & Gift Aid to EH collected by SpArC Charity	2180.25
Payment of Barchester Charity Donation to Theatre	500.00
Payment of Open Mic Young Performers Donation to Theatre	700.00
Funeral Donation to Theatre	356.00
Sub Total	13986.25
 Fund Raising Expenses:	
Hire of Bingo Equipment	33.00
Renewal of 500 Club Annual Licence	20.00
500 Club Prizes	4091.60
Donation to EH for 500 Club Admin	1000.00
Refreshments SpArC Open Day	55.28
Sub Total	5199.88
 Other Expenses:	
Enterprise House - Printing Costs	108.74
Pocket Park Plants & Water Butts etc.	1965.50
Sub Total	2074.24
 Bank Account Fees	 123.75
 TOTAL PAYMENTS	 27407.80



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2023

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(if any)**

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Signed:

Clive Thomas Sawyer

Date:

19-3-24

Name:

CLIVE THOMAS SAWYER

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(if any):**

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Annual Report for the Y/e 31/12/2022

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Total Receipts for the year amounted to £18.8k which included £2k from three donations from local Parish Councils, £9.9 k from the Monthly Draw 500 Club and Theatre Friends subscriptions as well as £3.9 k from various fund-raising events.

The main component of Total Payments was the Charity's funding of the expenditure of £80k on the much delayed replacement of the gym equipment due to post-covid supply chain issues. We are still awaiting an invoice for the arrangement of an extended 7 year warranty which will require an extra £7k of funding. In addition, the Charity funded £2.3k of expenditure on other equipment for the Wet Changing Rooms, the Theatre and the provision of plants for an area between the Fitness Suite and the Swimming Pool which has involved the transformation of wasteland into a small park (the Pocket Park project).

As forecast, fund -raising has become more difficult due to the deterioration of the economy. We therefore have several initiatives underway which include seeking the regular financial support of local councils and appointing a volunteer to administer the Monthly Draw 500 Club "in-house" to avoid future out-sourcing costs and target a net annual contribution to our funds of between £5k & £6k.

Plans to install a Café have been scaled back but discussions are underway to provide some form of simple refreshment facility and seating area.

We are continuing to build a sinking fund for the repair and replacement of the outdoor all-weather sports pitch in three to four years time. The fund is still held in the Shawbrook Deposit Account and currently stands at £10.3k.

One new significant funding requirement will be to replace the Swimming Pool Liner and at the same time invest in a number of initiatives to reduce the Pool's operating costs. This will need to be resolved in 2023.

Finally, the Charity is working with Shropshire Council to identify opportunities to make the SPARC facility more energy efficient and will be seeking grants to help fund the requisite investment.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR SpArC CHARITY for Y/e 31/12/2022

01/01/22 to 31/12/2022

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Private Donations:		Funding Donations to Shropshire Council:	
One-off Donations	762.00	Funding of Baby Changing Tables in Changing Rooms	1155.52
Regular Donations	0.00	Donation to Shropshire Council to fund replacement of Fitness Equipment	79761.89
Sub Total	762.00	Funding of Pocket Park Project (Plants)	580.74
Corporate Community Fund Donations	58.70	Sub Total	81498.15
Town & Parish Council Donations	2000.00	Funding Donations to SpArC Theatre:	
Fund - Raising Activities:		Funding of replacement DVD/Blue Ray Player & Satellite Receiver - Theatre	548.29
Plant Stall	1385.12	Payment of Theatre Friends Subscriptions & Gift Aid to EH collected by SpArC Charity	2624.25
Apple Pressing	450.30	Payment of Gift Aided Donation to Theatre (Commission on Art Gallery Sales) collected by SpArC Charity	552.00
500 Club Subscriptions	8296.00	Sub Total	3724.54
Foxholes Football Game Donation	125.20	Fund Raising Expenses:	
Bingo	1410.10	Renewal of 500 Club Annual Licence	20.00
Six Bells Quiz Night	533.00	500 Club Prizes	4111.60
Friends of Theatre Subscriptions Received	1570.00	Donation to Enterprise House to help fund management of 500 Club	3187.50
Donation Received to fund Boulder - Pocket Park Project	500.00	Bingo Event Expenses	89.17
Collecting Tins	169.46	Sub Total	7408.27
Sub Total	14439.18	Other Expenses:	
Gift Aid Claims Received	1032.28	Enterprise House - Printing Costs	92.52
Bank Interest	504.37	Refreshments for Formal Opening of New Fitness Suite	59.58
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>18796.53</u>	Bank Account Fees	169.50
Deficit b/f	-74156.03	TOTAL PAYMENTS	92952.56
Bank Balances b/f 01/01/22	147930.82		
Closing Balance per Bank Statements @ 31/12/22	<u>73774.79</u>		
BANK STATEMENTS @ 31/12/22:			
Caf Cash A/c no 1	7978.50		
Caf Cash A/c no 2	5161.85		
Caf Gold Deposit A/c	50296.69		
Shawbrook 60 Day Notice Deposit Account	<u>10337.75</u>		
TOTAL PER BANK STATEMENTS	<u>73774.79</u>		

**01/01/22 TO 30/09/22
ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS**

Private Donations:

One -off Donations
Regular Donations

Sub Total

Corporate Community Fund Donations

Town & Parish Council Donations

Fund - Raising Activities:

Plant Stall
Bingo
Six Bells Quiz Night
Apple Pressing
Friends of Theatre Subscriptions
Collecting Tins
500 Club Subscriptions
Foxholes Campsite Donation from Football Game
Donation to fund Boulder in Pocket Park

Sub Total

Gift Aid Claims Received

Bank Interest

TOTAL RECEIPTS

ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS

Pocket Parks
Refreshments for Formal Opening of New Fitness Suite
SpArC Website Subscription
Enterprise House - Printing Costs
500 Club Licence
500 Club Prizes
Bank Account Fees
Donation to Theatre & Arts (Commission on Art Gallery Sales)
Donation to Shropshire Council to fund replacement of Fitness Equipment
Payment of Theatre Friends Subscriptions & Gift Aid to EH
Donation to Enterprise House to fund management of 500 Club
Funding of replacement DVD/Blue Ray Player & Satalite Receiver - Theatre
Funding of Baby Changing Tables etc.
Donation to Shropshire Council for Children's Equipment for Swimming Pool
Bingo Event Expenses

TOTAL PAYMENTS

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
One -off Donations			200.00	552.00							10.00		762.00	7.60
Regular Donations													0.00	
Sub Total	0.00	0.00	200.00	552.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	762.00	762.00
Corporate Community Fund Donations		11.34			25.44			14.09				7.83	58.70	
Town & Parish Council Donations											2000.00		2000.00	
Fund - Raising Activities:														
Plant Stall				200.00	478.55	141.00			540.57	25.00			1385.12	
Bingo												1410.10	1410.10	
Six Bells Quiz Night											533.00		533.00	
Apple Pressing										450.30			450.30	
Friends of Theatre Subscriptions	65.00	155.00	65.00			100.00			930.00	150.00	25.00	80.00	1570.00	
Collecting Tins										169.46			169.46	
500 Club Subscriptions	720.00	616.00	640.00	752.00	656.00	752.00	656.00	656.00	664.00	664.00	760.00	760.00	8296.00	
Foxholes Campsite Donation from Football Game							125.20						125.20	
Donation to fund Boulder in Pocket Park										500.00			500.00	
Sub Total	785.00	771.00	705.00	952.00	1134.55	993.00	781.20	656.00	2134.57	1958.76	1318.00	2250.10	###	###
Gift Aid Claims Received	380.10									652.18			1032.28	
Bank Interest			12.50			67.13		10.59	152.05			262.10	504.37	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1165.10	782.34	917.50	1504.00	1159.99	1060.13	781.20	680.68	2286.62	2610.94	3335.83	2512.20	###	###
ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS														
Pocket Parks								397.18				183.56	580.74	
Refreshments for Formal Opening of New Fitness Suite										59.58			59.58	
SpArC Website Subscription													0.00	
Enterprise House - Printing Costs					51.80					40.72			92.52	
500 Club Licence					20.00								20.00	
500 Club Prizes	645.60	189.60	223.80	206.40	215.20	215.80	174.30	215.80	157.70	199.20	189.20	1479.00	4111.60	
Bank Account Fees	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	16.50	16.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	169.50	
Donation to Theatre & Arts (Commission on Art Gallery Sales)					552.00								552.00	
Donation to Shropshire Council to fund replacement of Fitness Equipment												79761.89	79761.89	
Payment of Theatre Friends Subscriptions & Gift Aid to EH		318.75			765.00						1540.50		2624.25	
Donation to Enterprise House to fund management of 500 Club	1062.50				1062.50					1062.50			3187.50	
Funding of replacement DVD/Blue Ray Player & Satalite Receiver - Theatre					548.29								548.29	
Funding of Baby Changing Tables etc.						1155.52							1155.52	
Donation to Shropshire Council for Children's Equipment for Swimming Pool													0.00	
Bingo Event Expenses											89.17		89.17	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1725.10	524.35	239.80	222.40	3231.79	1387.82	190.30	622.98	167.70	1372.00	1828.87	###	###	###

Accounts

Annual Report for the Y/e 31/12/2021
Sport & Arts in the Community (SPARC) South West Shropshire
Charity registered in England & Wales - No. 1170997

Total receipts for the year exceeded just over £37k and included a £9k grant from the BA Carbon Reduction Fund, a £1.8k donation from the Co-operative Retail Society's Community Fund as well as a £15k grant from the Town Council.

In addition, the Plant Stall and Bingo Fund Raising Events proved very successful contributing another £3.2k to our funds.

The Theatre Friends Subscription Scheme re-launched in the previous year provided the Charity with nearly £1.7k of funds specifically for the Theatre & Arts Activities and Facilities.

A Monthly Prize Draw was launched in July under the Small Society Lotteries Regulations which is proving moderately successful.

The BA Carbon Fund Reduction Grant was used to help fund the installation of additional LED lighting and insulation costing a total of £14.8k whilst the Co-operative donation funded the provision of £2k's worth of children's play equipment in the swimming pool.

However, the pandemic and its aftermath has continued to disrupt the Charity's investment plans. We have commitments to fund the much-needed replacement of the gym equipment ,supported by a long term service and maintenance agreement, in SpArC's Fitness Suite at a cost of £86k. However, supply chain difficulties are delaying delivery and installation until July 2022. Similar problems have disrupted the completion of a "Pocket Park" project to enable the provision of an outdoor exercise area which is now scheduled for completion by the end of May 2022 with a remaining commitment of £7k, as well as the commencement of the installation of a café and seating area for which the Charity is holding £10k of grant funding. Finally, we set up a sinking fund in 2021 to build a reserve to match fund a future grant application for the replacement of the outdoor all-weather sports pitch which will be necessary in about four years' time. We are currently holding £5k in a Shawbrook Bank Deposit Account. We have since contributed a further £5k in January 2022.

We anticipate that Fund Raising will become more difficult in 2022 given the pressure on household incomes as well as the state of public sector finances. We will therefore re-double our grant application efforts to fund investment which will support the sustainability of Sport and the Arts in our Community.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

01/01/21 to 31/12/21

RECEIPTS

£

Private Donations:	
One-off Donations	230.67
Regular Donations	60.00
Sub Total	<u>290.67</u>

Corporate Community Fund Donations	12067.72
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Town & Parish Council Donations	15000.00
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Fund - Raising Activities:	
Plant Stall	1661.06

500 Club Subscriptions	3688.00
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Foxholes Football Game Donation	186.20
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Bingo	1509.20
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Friends of Theatre Subscriptions	1660.00
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Collecting Tins	45.00
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Sub Total	<u>8749.46</u>
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Gift Aid Claims Received	727.89
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Bank Interest	304.20
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>37139.94</u>
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Surplus b/f	9799.34
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Bank Balances b/f 01/01/21	<u>138131.48</u>
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Closing Balance per Bank Statements @ 31/12/21	<u>147930.82</u>
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BANK STATEMENTS @ 31/12/21:

Caf Cash A/c no 1	4802.09
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Caf Cash A/c no 2	3225.10
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Caf Gold Deposit A/c	134598.20
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Shawbrook 60 Day Notice Deposit Account	<u>5305.43</u>
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TOTAL PER BANK STATEMENTS	<u>147930.82</u>
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ACCOUNTS FOR SPARC CHARITY

PAYMENTS

£

Funding Donations to Shropshire Council:	
Lifeguard Training	656.25

BA Carbon Reduction Project	14737.89
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Pickle Ball Nets	330.00
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Chidren's Equipment for Swimming Pool	<u>1969.81</u>
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Sub Total	17693.95
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Transfer of Donations to Theatre & Arts (ex Town Council)	5000.00
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Renewal of 500 Club Licence	20.00
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500 Club Prizes	1413.90
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First Quarter (July-Sept '21") Donation to Enterprise House to help fund management of 500 Club	1062.50
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Hire of Bingo Equipment	31.50
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Payment of Theatre Friends Subscriptions & Gift Aid to EH	1801.25
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Enterprise House - Printing Costs	123.50
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Bank Account Fees	<u>194.00</u>
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>27340.60</u>
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Surplus c/f	9799.34
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Sports and Arts in the Community (SPARC) South West Shropshire

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2021

Charity no (if any)

1170997

Set out on pages

1-2 (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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 Trust'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

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

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 19-07-22

Name: Clive Thomas Sawyer

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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