

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	10250.00
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**

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

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1170997

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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 .

**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:

Clive Thomas Sawyer

Date:

19-3-24

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