

**Annual Report for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
**Sport & Arts in the Community ( SPARC ) South West Shropshire**  
**Charity Registered in England & Wales – No. 1170997**

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>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>41190.00</b>

<b>Town &amp; Parish Council Donations</b>	<b>2598.00</b>
<b>Corporate Community Fund Donations</b>	<b>2000.00</b>

<b>Olympic FanZone Sponsorship Receipts ( note includes Donation from CastleHaven)</b>	<b>2925.00</b>
<b>Olympic FanZone Cash Donations banked in CAF A/c</b>	<b>3390.12</b>
<b>Olympic FanZone Donations received via Just Giving</b>	<b>319.93</b>

#### Grants Received

EQF RIBA DONATION	1000.00
CONNEXUS	<u>3000.00</u>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4000.00</b>

#### 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
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>43031.06</b>
<b>Gift Aid Claims Received ex-HMRC</b>	<b>18539.64</b>
<b>Gift Aid Claims Received ex-Just Giving</b>	<b>258.68</b>
<b>Actual &amp; Accrued Bank Interest</b>	<b><u>7089.59</u></b>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **125342.02**

**Surplus b/f** **100487.68**

Opening Balance per Bank Statements 01/01/2024 **129334.90**

Closing Balance per Bank Statements @ 31/12/2024 **229822.58**

### 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
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9734.29</b>

#### 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>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3905.00</b>

**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
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5157.04</b>

#### 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
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3478.42</b>
<b>Bank Account Fees</b>	<b><u>179.59</u></b>

**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>
<b>TOTAL PER BANK STATEMENTS</b>	<b><u>229822.58</u></b>







**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<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1170997

**Set out on pages**

*(Free writer 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<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

**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:**

*[Signature]*

**Date:**

15/04/25

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qualification(s) or body  
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