



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Bury St Edmunds Cricket Club
To Period end date 30.03.2025

Period start date 31.03. 2024

Charity name: Bury St Edmunds Cricket Club

Charity registration number: 1172366

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To promote community participation in healthy recreation through the provision of cricket facilities and other sports played at the Victory Sports Ground, Nowton Road, Bury St Edmunds.2) To maintain a Community Pavilion for the use of the inhabitants of Bury St Edmunds and the surrounding area without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Meetings, lectures and classes, and(2) Other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the objective of improving the conditions of the life for the inhabitants.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The main activity is to provide cricket to boys, girls, men and women of all ages and abilities. The cricket club had a very good season of cricket with over 100 adult matches played and about 60 junior games. In addition cricket coaching took place at least four evenings a week during the 22 weeks of the cricket season. In addition the club encourages activity in the winter months providing an indoor facility for children and adults each week from January to March. On Monday evenings club coaches supported the national All Stars (5-8 years) and Dynamos (9-11 years) programme.</p> <p>The community pavilion was used during cricket and football matches, and hospitality almost every Saturday and most Sundays. During the week it has been used extensively for sport and community events. There has been increased use of the pavilion to help</p>

		<p>meet the significant increase in costs associated operating the facility.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>The trustees are mindful of the guidance issued by the charity commission and ensure this is taken into account at all times.</p>

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity does not make grants but does support disadvantaged players. In particular the club have supported several refugees from Afghanistan to develop their cricket and integrate in the local community.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The contribution of volunteers is a vital aspect of running the charity, without some 40 volunteers the charity could not operate they are vital to ensuring the aims of the charity are met.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During the 2024 cricket season the club has now got back to a more normal operation, the effect of the Covid lockdown caused significant problems and we were very grateful to the Government support given through West Suffolk Council during this difficult time. Without the support the charity would not have survived and been able to continue in the way it has. Cricket was played almost every day in some form from mid-April to mid-September. Many promising young cricketers have developed their talents during the year both outside and indoors by using the sports hall at the Victory Sports Ground. We are grateful to the support of senior volunteers who help with additional work on the ground and operating the facilities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The club has achieved its aim to provide cricket to a wide range of abilities these include disabled cricketers working with the Suffolk Cricket Board. The wider community have benefited from the use of the pavilion and ground.</p> <p>In October ground work commenced on providing the basis of a new three lane outdoor cricket enclosed net practice facility.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Fund raising for the new outdoor nets started in July 2021 with a cricket match against a team of England Legends. Fund raising continued during 2022 and 2023 with events, sponsorship, individual and corporate donations. The clubs financial accounts year end September 2022 showed a figure of £24,645 stated as surplus against the outdoor nets appeal. Further fund raising resulted in the cost of the new facility being available when the installation was completed.</p> <p>Not only are the new outdoor nets a vast improvement it provides a safe practice area especially for disabled and young persons.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<p>The cricket club does not have surplus funds to invest.</p>
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite the money raised for the new outdoor nets the charities financial situation remains sound, however funds have now reduced and the club needs to rebuild its financial reserves. The club has had a policy for many years to invest in the best possible facilities, this means that financial reserves have never been large, the trustees take the view that the club continually improves its facilities and playing strength.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The cricket club would like to have higher reserves and the aim is to increase finances in the future.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The accounts show the value of the community pavilion and various cricket related equipment such as scoreboard, electronic scoreboards outdoor nets and cricket covers.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We do not have zero reserves.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The club is not in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity is confident that it will continue long term.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The income is supported by sponsorship, donations, income from player subscriptions and match fees. Income from lettings of the community pavilion is a vital source of income to the charity.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The cricket club has no material investments.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Victory Sports Ground is supported by a grant annually given by West Suffolk Council if this grant was removed it would cause a significant additional cost to operate the ground and place pressure of the cricket clubs finances.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Cricket club has a constitution approved by the England and Wales Cricket Board. (ECB)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The cricket club is an unincorporated association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The club has an annual general meeting of all voting members. Elections take place annually for the office holders and roles in the club, these include Chairperson, Safeguarding Officer, Treasurer, Pavilion Manager, Secretary and team captains. Trustees are approved by the AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The trustees are experienced in operating the trust and other associated business. The cricket club has a large number of policies which are reviewed annually. The club has a particular policy approved by the ECB regarding child safeguarding and inclusiveness. The policies are available for members to read on the clubs website.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The trustees delegate the operation of the club to the cricket committee. In a wider context the club supports activities of a charitable nature in the area these being consistent with its own charitable objectives.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The cricket club is represented on the Victory Sports Community Interest Company that operates the Victory Sports Ground. A key partner is Sporting 87 Football Club who play football on the ground from September to the end of March both charities work closely together to provide an excellent sporting venue.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bury St Edmunds Cricket Club
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1172366

Charity's principal address	Victory Sports Ground, Nowton Road, Bury St Edmunds IP33 2BT however the charity is administered by David Barker MBE from his home Westhorpe Lodge, Westhorpe, Stowmarket IP14 4TA.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Whittaker	Chairman	Full year	Annual General Meeting
2	David Eric Barker MBE	Treasurer	Full year	Annual General Meeting
3	John Fredrick Nunn		Full year	Annual General Meeting
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>D E Barker</i>	
Full name(s)	David Barker MBE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer/ trustee	

Date 07.07.2025

BURY ST EDMUNDS CRICKET CLUB**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
REVENUE		
Subscriptions + Match fees	17,045	20,216
Sponsorship, Donations, Prize Money	64,103	34,427
Benefit Events	-	-
Golf Day	2,605	2,680
Pavilion Hire	23,106	19,101
Coaching income & grant	0	3,735
Insurance claim	200	680
	<u>107,059</u>	<u>80,838</u>
 OVERHEADS		
Coaching, Professional & Umpire Expenses	29,464	34,854
Rent	12,170	9,000
Insurance	1,884	1,793
Pavilion expenses	14,900	18,261
Covers, Sheds, Nets, Repairs etc	3,754	4,844
Purchase of Cricket Equipment	58,122	4,635
Catering	6,054	6,878
Sundry Expenses	873	479
Costs of fundraising	2,371	2,252
	<u>129,591</u>	<u>82,995</u>
 (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	<u>-22,532</u>	<u>-2,157</u>

In the 2024 year the nets have been purchased and this amount has been released into income.

BURY ST EDMUNDS CRICKET CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
30th September 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets - Pavilion at cost		20,940	20,940
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		5,203	4,977
Cash at bank		<u>3,442</u>	<u>50,713</u>
		29,585	76,631
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors		4,520	4,388
Creditors - nets appeal		<u>0</u>	<u>24,645</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>25,065</u>	<u>47,597</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Balance as at 1 st October 2023		47,597	49,753
Net surplus (outgoings)		<u>-22,532</u>	<u>-2,157</u>
Balance as at 30th September 2024		<u>25,065</u>	<u>47,597</u>

D. S. Barker
 David Barker MBE

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We have prepared the above accounts from the records produced to us and from the explanations we have received, and we confirm that they are correct and in accordance therewith to the best of our knowledge and belief.

KNIGHTS LOWE

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Date: *22 May 2025*