



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Bury St Edmunds Cricket Club
To Period end date 30.03.2026

Period start date 31.03. 2025

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 110 adult matches played and about 55 junior games. In addition cricket coaching took place at least four evenings a week during the 23 weeks of the cricket season. The club encourages activity in the winter months providing an indoor facility for children and adults each week from January to March. On Sunday mornings club coaches supported the national All Stars (5-8 years) and Dynamos (9-11 years) programme.</p> <p>The community pavilion was used for 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 significant use of the pavilion to help</p>

		<p>meet the increase in costs associated with operating the facility. The additional cost of utilities and rates make running the pavilion more expensive.</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.</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 has helped several refugees from Afghanistan to develop their cricket and integrate into the local community.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The club supports a program organised by The Suffolk Cricket Board to help disabled cricketers. The club has a program to support Women and Girls cricket.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The contribution of volunteers is a vital aspect of running the charity, without some 35 volunteers the charity could not operate they are vital to ensuring the aims of the charity are met. The club
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 2025 season 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. The club were delighted to create a new outdoor cricket facility in the autumn of 2023, this 3 lane enclosed nets provides a safe and secure area for practice and coaching, the nets have been made available to a wide range of players from local schools and adults for practice. The nets were officially opened by Councillor Diane Hind Mayor of Bury St Edmunds in October 2024 she was assisted by Graham Napier a former Essex and England player who has helped coach players at the club.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The club has achieved its aim to provide cricket to a wide range of abilities. The wider community have benefited from the use of the pavilion and ground. The club has been able to provide cricket to disabled cricketers with the support of the Suffolk County Cricket Board.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The cricket funds were reduced due to the investment in the outdoor cricket nets, the club has taken the view over many years to invest in the best possible facilities, the new nets are amongst the best in the county. Inevitably funds have been stretched but the trustees believe that facilities to benefit all ages and abilities, men, women, girls and boys are a priority.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The cricket club does not have surplus funds to invest.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Clearly the charities funds have reduced due to the important capital project of the new outdoor nets, although a small loss was made the trustees believe that the long term financial situation is secure.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The club would like to increase the reserves to provide a financial buffer against future demands.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The accounts show the value of the community pavilion and various cricket related equipment such as scorebox, electronic scoreboards 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)

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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 significant pressure on 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, Child Welfare Officer, Treasurer, Pavilion Manager, Secretary and team captains. Trustees are approved by the AGM.

Additional information (optional)

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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 welfare 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	03.06.2026	

BURY ST EDMUNDS CRICKET CLUB**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2025**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
REVENUE		
Subscriptions + Match fees	17,756	17,045
Sponsorship, Donations, Prize Money	25,647	64,103
Benefit Events	-	-
Golf Day	2,355	2,605
Pavilion Hire	18,970	23,106
Coaching income & grant	0	0
Sundry- Gift aid & Locality money	4,180	200
	<u>68,908</u>	<u>107,059</u>
 OVERHEADS		
Coaching, Professional & Umpire Expenses	31,361	29,464
Rent- including CIC contribution	11,425	12,170
Insurance	1,946	1,884
Pavilion expenses	14,323	14,900
Covers, Sheds, Nets, Repairs etc	2,996	3,754
Purchase of Cricket Equipment	30	56,637
Golf day costs- course hire and catering	1,280	1,485
Catering	6,746	6,054
Transfer to bar	635	873
Sundry expenses	903	2,371
	<u>71,644</u>	<u>129,591</u>
 (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	<u>-2,736</u>	<u>-22,532</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
30th September 2025

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<u>Note</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets - Pavilion at cost	20,940	20,940
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	1,430	5,203
Cash at bank	<u>2,677</u>	<u>3,442</u>
	25,047	29,585
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	2,720	4,520
Creditors - nets appeal	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>22,328</u>	<u>25,065</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Balance as at 1 st October 2024	25,064	47,597
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