

# **Belper Meadows Community Sports Club**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**for the period 1 October 2020 - 30 September 2021**

### **Charity's principal address**

Bridge Street  
Belper  
Derbyshire  
DE56 1BA

### **Charity registration number**

1172682

### **How the charity is constituted**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

### **Type of governing document**

Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with Voting Members other than its Charity Trustees, dated 27.7.21.

### **The current charity trustees who manage the charity**

Kathryn Houlton	Chair
Charlotte Taylor	Treasurer
Roy Bamford	
Stephen Ford	
Nigel Hooker	
Richard Howis	
Joan Passant	
Alan Ward	

### **Trustee selection methods**

Trustees are elected at annual general meetings of members, or appointed by the charity trustees.

### **Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them**

One main risk of the CIO is the flooding of the facilities, when severe weather and the operators of Ladybower Reservoir and / or Carsington Water cause the River Derwent to have excessively high water levels.

Whilst the CIO cannot prevent such an occurrence, there is a plan for the subsequent drying and cleaning of the facilities, to enable their continuity of use.

The other major risk to the organisation, is a national pandemic, whether Coronavirus Covid 19, or of any other description. Such a situation causes the total cessation of all public benefit activities, for a duration as defined by HM Government. Put another way, these events are beyond any control or preventive actions of the CIO.

## **Overview of the Year**

In March 2020 (ie in the previous fiscal period), the Covid 19 Coronavirus pandemic swept across the country, causing the prohibition of gatherings of people, including sporting events, such that the public benefit of this charity was halted. Accordingly income and expenditure were dramatically reduced.

Those same Covid restrictions were still in force at the beginning of this fiscal year, and, through the review period, have gradually been eased, as the effects of the national pandemic have reduced in severity.

With due care and implementation of controls to comply with the ever changing UK Government guidance, sporting activities recommenced, albeit in a limited manner and with constraints to protect the health of players and spectators.

The overall effect was that the main winter sport, hockey, was severely curtailed. The summer activities of cricket, bowls and tennis were enabled to have more participation.

## **The objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The objects of the CIO are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, by the provision of facilities for the playing of amateur cricket, hockey, tennis, bowls and other sports, and for other appropriate community activities.

## **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects**

The strategy for achieving the aims and objects, is to encourage many members of the public at large:

- (a) to become members of the CIO and its sporting teams;  
and / or
- (b) to hire its facilities for any sporting or non-sporting appropriate community activities.

To this end, the significant activities undertaken during this period, have been the organisation of sporting teams and their participation in associated league fixtures, which have resulted in many matches for each team. There has also been a number of non-league fixtures and training occasions, which have additionally contributed to the overall aims and objects of the CIO.

The Club hosted cross country running events for the Belper Rover and Belper Harriers' 'Derwent River Relays', both of which had many competitors.

BBC local radio stations' initiative 'Kit out the Nation' was aimed at getting more children to achieve the recommended level of activity. The Club was a collection point for the local Derbyshire area, receiving surplus sporting clothing and equipment, for sending on to schools and clubs, as a basis for encouraging this extra level of activity.

## **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects** *(continued)*

The Club hosted the Belper Youth Sports Festival, during the school summer holidays, and attracted several dozen local youngsters to participate in a plethora of sports.

The success of the CIO, and the societal difference made, are demonstrated and measured by the numbers of members of the public at large who have used the facilities and participated in healthy recreation.

### **Contribution made by volunteers**

The entire operations of the CIO are managed and undertaken by volunteers.

Such operations include governance, management and maintenance of the facilities, administration and organisation of sporting teams and the encouragement, supervision and coaching of junior players of all ages.

In relation to the national virus pandemic, the good will of all volunteers has been significantly stretched by the need to monitor and respond to the ever-changing legislation and guidance, issued by HM Government and the sporting governing bodies.

Not least is the requirement for constant cleaning of the facilities, for which another brilliant effort by volunteers, has enabled belated and limited continuity of sporting practices and matches, in difficult circumstances.

It is down to the volunteers' efforts and dedication, that the successes in terms of public benefit and healthy recreation have been realised.

The effect on society is that a significant proportion of the population has been able to participate in such healthy recreation, thereby improving its well-being.

By the act of volunteering, the dozens of these individuals have improved their own well-being, by performing such community activities, for the benefit of other members of society.

Quite simply, without these volunteers, the CIO would not exist.

### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

In order to maximise the public benefit and community participation in healthy recreation, the CIO has actively encouraged 429 members of the local community to become members of the club and comprise its sporting teams.

These teams have participated in sporting league and other fixtures, which have attracted a further 1355 members of a wider public community to participate in healthy recreation too.

In addition, some 1121 members of the local community have attended or participated in other activities arranged by the CIO.

The facilities have also been used by 5 other sporting and non-sporting organisations, on regular and irregular bases.

## **Policy on reserves**

The reserves policy - no emergency fund to be kept.

The CIO's facilities are let, the income from which covers costs and accumulates 'sinking funds', for asset maintenance, and investment in replacement and new facilities.

These are the sole reasons for accumulating reserves.

The timescale for such expenditure will be when an asset has degraded significantly, and when it (the expenditure) is affordable.

## **Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

## **Financial review of the position of the charity**

The Club operates by recovering its expenditure from the sporting sections.

The impact of the Covid crisis meant that these sections had reduced activities and accordingly less income from subscriptions and fees. Thus there was a shortfall in CIO income to match the unavoidable fixed costs. Grants received from Amber Valley Borough Council, the Arnold Clark Community Fund and Derbyshire County Council were crucial to reducing the gap between expenditure and receipts.

Recovery from flood damage was supported by grants from the Derbyshire County Council Floods Business Hardship Fund and Belper Town Council Flood Recovery Fund.

The Club is exceedingly grateful to all these donors, who have ensured the survival of this charity.

## **Looking forward to 2021-2022**

BMCSC is in a healthy financial position to keep operating for the benefit of its members and the wider community.

However, the UK Government has indicated that the guidance related to the Covid 19 pandemic, will remain in force at least for the foreseeable future and into the next fiscal period. Accordingly, there is much uncertainty about the coming year.

## **Related parties**

The CIO has a wholly owned subsidiary, Belper Meadows Synthetic Pitch(s) Limited, company number 03046877, whose nature of business is 'operation of sports facilities' at Belper Meadows.

## **Guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit**

The CIO's trustees have regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Kathryn Houlton

Charlotte Taylor

Chair

Treasurer

Date 18 May 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Belper Meadows Community Sports Club**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Belper Meadows Community Sports Club (the Club) for the year ended 30 September 2021.

**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 Club's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Club as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

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Date: 31 May 2022  
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Belper Meadows Community Sports Club

No (if any)  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2020	To	Period end date 30/09/2021
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	3,652	-	-	3,652	16,006
Other standard operations	2,460	-	-	2,460	1,917
Grants	18,535	7,600	-	26,135	57,388
Interest	-	-	-	-	355
Sink fund transfers	-	-	-	-	600
Donations & Fundraising	12	-	-	12	28,553
VAT reclaim	-	-	-	-	83,148
Retail sales	992	-	-	992	3,402
BMSP management fee	-	-	-	-	4,800
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>25,651</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,251</b>	<b>196,169</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Loan received	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25,651</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,251</b>	<b>196,169</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ground operations	1,175	6,659	-	7,834	11,620
Pavilion operations	1,372	7,775	-	9,147	9,952
Other overheads	1,740	-	-	1,740	11,420
Grant expenditure	10,621	4,182	-	14,803	-
Loan interest	968	-	-	968	125
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	1,242
Retail costs	1,454	-	-	1,454	-
Insurance	3,594	-	-	3,594	4,826
New driveway	-	-	-	-	4,800
LH heritage	-	-	-	-	5,300
Flood remedy	-	-	-	-	29,409
Sink fund transfers	600	-	-	600	3,928
Tax	176	-	-	176	777
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>18,616</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,316</b>	<b>83,399</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Capital purchases	-	-	-	-	13,321
Loan repayment	9,279	-	-	9,279	81,196
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,279</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,279</b>	<b>94,517</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>30,979</b>	<b>18,616</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,595</b>	<b>177,916</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 5,328</b>	<b>- 11,016</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 16,344</b>	<b>18,253</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>26,838</b>	<b>14,885</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,723</b>	<b>23,470</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>21,510</b>	<b>3,869</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,379</b>	<b>41,723</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	21,510	3,869	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>21,510</b>	<b>3,869</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Land	Unrestricted	16,000	-
	Buildings	Restricted	303,440	-
	Buildings	Unrestricted	191,692	-
	Equipment, furniture and fittings	Unrestricted	39,721	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loans	Unrestricted		
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Kathryn Hoult	18/05/22	
		Charlotte Taylor	18/05/22	