

# **Belper Meadows Community Sports Club**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**for the period 1 October 2023 - 30 September 2024**

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

Bridge Street  
Belper  
Derbyshire  
DE56 1BA

### **Charity registration number**

1172682

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

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

### **Type of governing document**

Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with Voting Members other than its Charity Trustees, dated 25.7.23.

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

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

### **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**

On 21 October, following named storm Babet, the River Derwent flooded, covering the entire ground, including the astroturf pitch, with 1.5 metres of water, mud, and debris. Even the lower pavilion, which was built above the Environment Agency's determined 100-year flood level, had 400mm of brown silty water inside (again).

On the approach of this storm, the Club members were busy moving items above the expected flood level, including unscrewing doors and other fixtures. Sadly, these precautions, whilst effective, could not prevent all the damage caused by a flood of this magnitude.

Many members spent days manually scraping and carrying tons of mud and slime off the sporting and non-sporting areas. Their efforts enabled the winter sports to recommence within 2 weeks of the disaster - a truly tremendous effort. Obviously, the subsequent damage, cleaning and additional consequential costs amounted to a significant strain on the Club's finances.

The frequently mentioned 'climate change' was evidenced by further flooding of the grounds, by later 'formally named' storms on 29 November, 10 December and 2 January. Fortunately, none of these waters entered the lower pavilion.

Put into context, the winter storms and floods are the down-side of having the Club's grounds in the beautiful setting of the river valley - views of which have been enjoyed for all the other non-flood weeks, over the past 115 years.

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

The purposes 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 purposes**

The strategy for achieving the purposes, 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 good number of non-league fixtures and training occasions, which have additionally contributed to the overall purposes of the CIO.

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

The Belper Youth Games run by the Town Council took place over Easter, and were well attended. Likewise, during the summer, the Belper Youth Sports and the Town Council's Belper Goes Green festivals attracted large crowds. .

There has been a programme of health and wellbeing community tennis, for those with special needs.

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.

It is very, very clear that 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 534 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 3245 members of a wider public community to participate in healthy recreation too.

In addition, some 8920 members of the local community have attended or participated in other activities arranged by the CIO.

The facilities have also been used by 15 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.

A grant was received from Derbyshire County Council towards the cost of the Club providing a 'Warm and Welcoming Space' refuge for local residents and their families, who were struggling to heat their homes during the cold winter months.

HM Government donated a Business Recovery grant, dispensed via Amber Valley Borough Council, to support the impact of major storm 'Babet'.

The Friends of Babington Hospital, in Belper, gave a grant towards medical equipment.

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

## **Looking forward to 2024-2025**

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

## **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.

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

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



Kathryn Hoult  
Chair

Date

6 June 2025



Charlotte Taylor  
Treasurer

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

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

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 2024.

**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.

Wayne Thomas FCA  
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Bates Weston LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
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Date: 27 June 2025 .....





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>Belper Meadows Community Sports Club</b>	No (if any) <b>1172682</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2023	To	Period end date 30/09/2024
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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	34,923	-	-	34,923	37,729
Fundraising	19,642	-	-	19,642	13,418
Donations	5,278	-	-	5,278	150
Other standard operations	4,423	-	-	4,423	5,768
Retail Sales	13,428	-	-	13,428	11,267
BMSP Management Fee	4,400	-	-	4,400	4,200
Grants	-	3,365	-	3,365	500
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>82,094</b>	<b>3,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,459</b>	<b>73,032</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>82,094</b>	<b>3,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,459</b>	<b>73,032</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Pavilion operations	26,967	-	-	26,967	26,519
Ground operations	8,723	-	-	8,723	7,910
Insurance	5,011	-	-	5,011	4,538
Other overheads	7,839	-	-	7,839	5,347
Bank charges	120	-	-	120	120
Grant expenditure	-	3,072	-	3,072	5,000
Retail costs	6,251	-	-	6,251	5,480
Loan Interest	654	-	-	654	771
Tax	557	-	-	557	545
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>56,121</b>	<b>3,072</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,193</b>	<b>56,230</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
Capital purchases	8,726	-	-	8,726	16,369
Loan repayment	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13,726</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,726</b>	<b>21,369</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>69,847</b>	<b>3,072</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,919</b>	<b>77,599</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,246</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,539</b>	<b>- 4,567</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>24,237</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,237</b>	<b>28,804</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>36,483</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,776</b>	<b>24,237</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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	36,483	293	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>36,483</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land	Unrestricted	16,000	-
	Buildings	Restricted	306,210	-
	Buildings	Unrestricted	234,527	-
	Equipment, furniture and fittings	Unrestricted	42,032	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kathryn Hoult	06/06/2025
	Charlotte Taylor	06/06/2025