



**BOCCIA  
SHEFFIELD**

*Boccia England's Club of the Year 2015*

# **BOCCIA SHEFFIELD**

**Annual Report and Accounts  
for the Year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Boccia Sheffield is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)  
Registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales  
No 1179188**



## **Chairman's Report**

For the first time in several years, it feels like the club is finally back to where we once were, a thriving, competitive Boccia Club. There is no doubt that we have had a successful year, with many highlights from this year including many medals and individual performances to be proud of. The club continues to go from strength to strength with everyone pulling together to give the club such a family atmosphere. We have increased our number of athletes again; this has been difficult to accommodate so many athletes but something we try to embrace. The club is in a very healthy place and we are very proud of what we have built up.

### **Update On Coaches**

The last 12 months have been excellent for our coaching team. The hardest thing in Boccia is not just recruiting volunteers but also keeping volunteers. Leah has completed her first full season with the club and has been a regular coach on a Monday night, also completing her referees' course in the last 12 months as well. Richard has become a regular coach at the club and this has really supported us when numbers might be lower. We now have 5 regular coaches at the club. The most in a long time, putting us in an excellent position for the new season. We have also seen Theo come to the club for a short 12-week block of volunteering as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award. This is something we will look to continue in the future.

### **Update On The Committee**

We are in a very fortunate position that we have such a strong committee. Over the last 10 years we have been one of the best run clubs in the country, this is thanks to the wonderful team that not only coach on a Monday night but also do all the behind the scenes work as well. A huge thanks to Jenna for continuing her role as the club welfare officer and supporting all of our safeguarding needs at the club and sorting out the athletes and volunteers in their club kit. A very special mention must go to Ian for keeping the club so organised and making sure that he keeps me on task! Ian has again been fantastic this season, entering athletes for competitions, liaising with Boccia England and making sure we don't spend too much!

We can't forget our player representative, Sam Hindley. Sam has played a vital role in the club and one that he continues to do very well. Sam is always supporting other athletes and making sure he communicates with them and supports them on and off the court. Not only does he support athletes at competitions he's not even playing in he also supports them by reminding them of competition dates, entry deadlines etc.

### **Competition Round Up**

This is always one of the best parts of the report as it allows me to talk about all of the amazing achievements over the season by the athletes.

The 2023-24 season has been another cracking season with athletes representing themselves and Boccia Sheffield all over the country. One of the most notable performances of the season is by the Super League team. They have had an outstanding season which has seen them compete over four competition days. They have literally travelled the length of the country and they have excelled in their league. As a team they have never worked harder, they have bonded and found the winning formula! After four competition days, the team have finished the season in 2nd place overall, that's 2nd place IN THE COUNTRY! An incredible achievement and one that Amy Darlow, Lee Croker, Sam Hindley and Kyle Martin should be proud of.

At the beginning of the season, we kicked off the boccia campaign with a great trip North to the SMILE Open. One of the best competitions on the sporting calendar and as always it didn't disappoint. With over 16 courts of boccia taking place at once, this is a wonderful spectacle for any player, coach and supporter. All our athletes had a fantastic time and came away with various medals and rosettes for their efforts.

For the first time since the COVID 19 pandemic we successfully hosted the Leslie Martin and 10-year anniversary competition. This was the first time we have ever run a singles competition as a club and it was a fantastic day for everyone. We had 6 courts of competitive boccia taking place all day with 7 different clubs being represented, a fantastic effort. A huge thanks to all the volunteer referees and coaches who made this competition happen! It is a competition we are very proud of and I am certain that Leslie Martin would also approve of this competition, it is one that he would certainly have wanted to win gold in!

The National league gave another opportunity for both of our teams to qualify for the National League finals. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be this year for our teams as they bowed out at the regional stage. However, as always, I know the players will come back roaring and raring to go again next season.

We have had mixed success in the BE and Heathcoat Cup competitions with some athletes reaching the Heathcoat Cup finals and some reaching the BE Cup finals. This is not an easy achievement and one all of the athletes should be proud of. It also saw some of our athletes who don't compete as much with the chance to shine in their respective competitions. Well done to all athletes who competed in the BE and Heathcoat Cup competitions this season.

### **Funding**

As a club, we are still in a very fortunate position with regards to finances. We have a healthy budget at present and this allows us to keep the club free and the competitions free as well. We are very grateful to Vinci, who continue to give us the sports hall for free, this has now been for 10 years. Something we are extremely grateful for. We also held the Leslie Martin Cup, where we raised £280, this was a great effort by everyone involved on the day.

### **School-Club Links**

Talbot School is still the home of Boccia Sheffield and this provides us a great base and facility to train. We have also increased the amount of Boccia on offer at Talbot through the Entry Level PE program and Sports Leaders Award. Hopefully this might help feed into the club as some of the sports leaders could be involved as referees in the future.

### **Home Tournaments**

This season saw the very successful re-introduction of the Leslie Martin Cup. It also tied in nicely with the 10-year anniversary of the club. This felt like the right time to re-introduce the tournament and what a huge success it was. It is the first time, as a club that we have held a singles tournament and everyone had a wonderful day. We are very proud of hosting this tournament and we hope everyone had a great day.

For the upcoming season, it would be wonderful to host a teams competition and a singles competition. This would increase our home tournaments from 1 to 2. We will also look to tie it in as a Special Olympics qualifying competition as well for the National Summer Games.

### **The Upcoming Season**

Every season when I write this report, I always think 'how do we do better than last season' and somehow, we always do! As athletes, coaches, referees and volunteers you always excel and make the club a huge success, for that, I am very grateful!

With the new season nearly upon us, now is the time to start training and working harder than ever to achieve those goals that you set yourselves for the new season. As coaches, we know you can achieve great things. With the Paralympics inspiring us all, go out there and achieve to the best of your ability.

As always, I would like to finish by taking the opportunity to thank everyone associated with the club from the coaches, the athletes, parents, PAs, the behind-the-scenes team and even the Esme babysitters on a Monday night. Without all of you wonderful volunteers we wouldn't be half the club we are! Thank you.

Bring on the 2024/25 Boccia season!

Mark Dolan  
Chairman – Boccia Sheffield

### **Treasurer's Report**

The club remains in a very healthy financial position. This is primarily due to an excellent set of volunteers and the fact that we can meet each Monday in a venue, which doesn't charge us a hire fee.

During the last financial year, the club was fortunate to receive a contribution of £800 to fund the running of the Leslie Martin Memorial Boccia Competition. Not all this money was spent on the competition and, having checked with Boccia England, we are very pleased to say that the club has been given permission to use the surplus either for future boccia competitions or for other boccia related activity. Apart from being a very enjoyable day's boccia, Leslie's competition also raised £283, which has been designated to support the running of future competitions in Leslie's name. The club also received £467.53 from the sale of boccia kit.

As normal, most of the club's expenditure concerned membership of Boccia England (£145) and Special Olympics Sheffield (£215) and competition entry fees - Boccia England (£510) and Other Competitions (including SMILE Through Sport) (£64).

£658.76 was spent on Boccia Kit. Most of this had been recovered at the year-end, although £98.29 remained outstanding and is anticipated during the current financial year. Other boccia related expenditure included: Trophies and Medals (£280.20), Venue Hire (£30), DBS Checks (£57.60), Club Equipment (£31), Consumables eg Boccia Tape (£50.20) and Gifts for Athletes (£20.41), which was mostly chocolate. The club was also very happy to support the development of its volunteers and spent £215 on Training for Coaches / Volunteers, along with £296.71 in Expenses.

At the end of the year, the club's income was less than its expenditure, resulting in a deficit over the year of £1,068.89. The club now has £7,223.17 in the bank and in cash. Last year, it was £8,292.06. £6,909.53 is in the general fund and can be used in payment of any of the club's normal boccia activities and £313.64 is restricted to running the Leslie Martin Memorial Competitions.

Ian Woodward  
Treasurer - Boccia Sheffield

### **Secretary's Report**

As I wrote last year, acting as both Secretary and Treasurer means that it's sometimes difficult to decide which hat I'm wearing. As Secretary, my main activities have been running the club's online links with Boccia England, first for our various memberships (athletes, the clubs and the teams) and second for entering competitions. All this continues to run as smoothly as Boccia England's systems allow.

Ian Woodward  
Secretary - Boccia Sheffield

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## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2024

	2023/24		2022/23
	Unrestricted	Restricted	
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	0.50		197.17
Gift Aid Recovered	0.00		0.00
<i>Total Donations and Legacies</i>	<u>0.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>197.17</u>
Receipts from Charitable Activities			
Gross Receipts from Fundraising	0.00		0.00
<i>Total Receipts from Charitable Activities</i>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Other Trading Activities			
Sale of Boccia Kit	467.53		185.50
Gross Receipts from Running Boccia Competitions	0.00	283.00	0.00
<i>Total Other Trading Activities</i>	<u>467.53</u>	<u>283.00</u>	<u>185.50</u>
Other Receipts			
Other	800.00		0.00
<i>Total Other Receipts</i>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<i>Totals</i>	<u>1,268.03</u>	<u>283.00</u>	<u>382.67</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u><b>1,551.03</b></u>	<u><b>382.67</b></u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Raising Funds			
Cost of Fundraising	0.00		0.00
<i>Total Raising Funds</i>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments on Charitable Activities			
Boccia England Membership: Club, Teams & Individuals	145.00		138.50
Boccia England: Competition Entry Fees	510.00		265.00
Special Olympics Sheffield: Membership	215.00		215.00
Special Olympics Sheffield: Competition Entry Fees	0.00		0.00
Other Competitions	64.00		40.00
Venue Hire	30.00		0.00
DBS Checks	57.60		0.00
Training for Coaches / Volunteers	215.00		0.00
Boccia Kit for Athletes and Coaches	658.76		87.00
Club Equipment eg Boccia Balls	31.00		0.00
Consumable Items eg Boccia Tape	50.20		56.00
Trophies and Medals	109.63	170.57	0.00
Gifts for Athletes	20.41		38.47
Catering	0.00	41.85	0.00
Transport	0.00		0.00
Expenses	296.71		346.60
Other Payments	4.19		4.45
<i>Total Payments on Charitable Activities</i>	<u>2,407.50</u>	<u>212.42</u>	<u>1,191.02</u>
<i>Totals</i>	<u>2,407.50</u>	<u>212.42</u>	<u>1,191.02</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u><b>2,619.92</b></u>	<u><b>1,191.02</b></u>
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>		<u><b>-1,068.89</b></u>	<u><b>-808.35</b></u>

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## STATEMENT OF FUNDS, FUND MOVEMENTS, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
<b>Current Funds</b>		
General Fund	6,909.53	8,010.87
Leslie Martin Memorial Competition Fund (Restricted)	313.64	243.06
Kyle Martin (Restricted)	0.00	38.13
Special Olympics for Club Athletes (Designated)	0.00	0.00
	<b>7,223.17</b>	<b>8,292.06</b>
Represented by:		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash On Hand	283.00	0.00
PayPal	0.00	0.00
Co-op Bank	6,940.17	8,292.06
	<b>7,223.17</b>	<b>8,292.06</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>7,223.17</b>	<b>8,292.06</b>
Opening Balance - 1st July	8,292.06	9,100.41
Closing Balance - 30th June	7,223.17	8,292.06
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	0.00	
<b>Surplus / Deficit for the Year</b>	<b>-1,068.89</b>	<b>-808.35</b>

<b>Fund Movement by Type</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Gains/Losses</b>	<b>Closing</b>
General Fund	8,010.87	1,268.03	2,369.37			6,909.53
Leslie Martin Memorial Competition Fund (Restricted)	243.06	283.00	212.42			313.64
Kyle Martin (Restricted)	38.13	0.00	38.13			0.00
Special Olympics for Club Athletes (Designated)	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,292.06</b>	<b>1,551.03</b>	<b>2,619.92</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,223.17</b>

# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS / TRUSTEES OF BOCCIA SHEFFIELD**

## **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

## **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

Geoffrey Roy Mackridge  
Chartered Accountant

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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