

This has been a significant and successful year for the club which is detailed below in the Annual Report and accounts.

Objective

Our charitable objective is to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing tennis for the benefit of the public in Saltford and the surrounding area.

Overview

The club has three outdoor all weather floodlit courts with a small clubhouse. The club is an open and friendly community club which is run by volunteers. There are no paid staff as we had outsourced the provision of coaching to Team Bath from University of Bath.

This year was significant for the club as we were awarded by Avon Tennis the LTA Club of the Year for the County which is a fantastic achievement. We received the award for being fun, accessible and affordable. One of the Trustees, Peter May was awarded the LTA Volunteer of the Year for the County together with the Regional LTA Volunteer for his work on the Community Asset Transfer from the Council, associated new long lease and the clubhouse replacement project. Peter received his regional award from the President of the LTA at the Nottingham Open tournament.

In addition, our Membership Secretary received a Saltford Parish Council Achievement Award recognising her contribution over a number of years as Membership Secretary.

We have 14 (2021: 12) main volunteers who are either committee members or hold specific roles within the club. They have volunteered time and skills across a wide range of activities including organising the in-house tournament; managing club sessions, holding an Open Day, organising and running fundraising events, managing the membership database; financial record keeping, social media, marketing, legal support for the lease; safety and welfare and maintenance. They have been supported by a further eight members. We are grateful to all the members who volunteer and have enabled the club to have a successful year both on and off the court.

On Court activities

Membership

At 31 March 2022 we had 205 (2021: 173) members which is an (18%) increase on last year, as we managed to retain many members who joined in lockdown. We provide a discounted first year membership for adults and families which gives a low cost entry point to enable more people to access tennis. Members are able to book courts for free, gain discounts on group coaching sessions, participate in club nights and the annual in-house tournament as well as represent the club in league matches.

Court hire

Our courts are available to hire by the general public through our website and the mobile ClubSpark Booker App. All three courts are available for the general public to hire (when not in use by the Club) at a very competitive price of £6 per hour per court. We are registered with LTA Rally which increases our profile as non-members can find and book local courts

We achieved record numbers for court hire in terms of number of public hire bookings of 256 (2021: 195) hours which in turn achieved record financial income of £1,834 (2021: £1,161) which demonstrates that the club is open and accessible to the general public.

League

This year we were able to get back to playing competitive league tennis following a Covid-19 impacted 2021 year and we enjoyed a very successful year.

For the Avon Tennis Summer League season we fielded three ladies teams enabling more members to play competitive league matches. Both the first and second Ladies' teams gained promotion. The Mens' first team also gained promotion.

We entered a team into the Avon Tennis Late Summer Mens' Veterans League for the first time and had ten members play these matches which were enjoyed by all.

We entered two teams into the Avon Tennis Mixed Winter League which ran from November to the end of March. The first team played in a highly competitive division and achieved 3rd place.

In-house tournament

We had a record 103 entrants across the six categories which included a junior tournament this year and included many new members. The matches were all very competitive especially the Finals.

Coaching

Our coaching service provider Team Bath (from University of Bath) re-established its coaching programme, following the Covid-19 impacted prior year. Coaching was provided for ages from five to adult on Monday evenings, Wednesday afternoon/evening and Saturday mornings, for all standards and achieved record numbers.

Open days

Following Lockdown 2.0, we started the year with two fun open days, the first for members only and the second open to both members and the general public. Both days consisted of fun sessions aimed at different age groups and abilities throughout the day at a cost of £5 per player and was managed by the coach. These were popular sessions and led to several non-members joining the club

We held a free open day in September, which enabled the general public to play tennis for free and have a free taster of coaching which was successful in generating members for the club and new interest for the coaching programme.

Off Court activities

The Off Court committee has continued to work closely with the Bath & North East Somerset (BANES) Council following the completion of the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the courts and finalised a long lease in July 2021. This provides the Club with a 99 year term and gives security for the Club and also provided some additional land as the lease covers the land for the original clubhouse.

The additional land has enabled the club to plan to replace the old dilapidated Clubhouse with one double the size which includes a disabled toilet. In February the old clubhouse was cleared ahead of its demolition in March when the groundworks were completed ahead of the new build commencing.

Following the relaxation of the Covid-19 rules we were able to hold a Christmas Jumper fun tournament and a quiz in March 2022 which raised a total of £1,328 (2021: £0).

Review of financial results

The main income for the Club is membership fees which are paid annually on 1 April. This year we achieved record membership income of £11,730 (2021: £9,070) as a result of membership retention and attraction.

Annually we review the cost of all membership categories to ensure that all classes get value for money whilst ensuring the Club is financially secure and able to build sinking funds for future requirements.

We achieved record financial income from public hire bookings of £1,834 (2021: £1,161) which demonstrates that the club is open and accessible to the general public, although the Club was closed for 5 ½ months in 2021.

The Club uses the LTA ClubSpark platform for its website, membership database, court bookings and coaching programme as it has an online card payment facility. The Bath University coaching income of £20,544 (2021: £4,089) is collected by the Club on behalf of Team Bath and paid to TeamBath on a termly basis. During Covid-19 as Team Bath furloughed their staff and they were unable to deliver coaching, the Club ran the coaching programme which resulted in Club net income of £239 (2021: £2,217).

The Off Court Committee were successful in gaining several grants which totalled £14,825 (2021: £26,507) and an interest free ten year loan of £10,000 from Avon Tennis to fund the replacement of the clubhouse.

The Club has continued to manage its financial position carefully through attracting and welcoming new members, being open and accessible for public hire, applying for grant funding and interest free loans, whilst carefully managing its costs. At 31 March 2022 the Club had cash funds of £78,847 (2021: £64,505). The cash funds are held across three bank accounts, the current account for the Club's ongoing working capital requirements and two saver accounts for designated funds. The first designated fund is for the clubhouse replacement project and the second is the Sinking Fund for the court resurfacing and floodlights replacement.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Saltford Lawn Tennis Club

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1183060

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

12/01/2023

Name:

Andrew Brooks

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

MA

Address:

14 Anson Close, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3DY

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters of concern found.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Salford Lawn Tennis Club

1183060

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Membership income	11,730	-	-	11,730	9,070
Visitor/Guest Fees	114	-	-	114	215
Public Court Hire	1,834	-	-	1,834	1,161
Miscellaneous	20	-	-	20	415
Bank interest	12	-	-	12	21
Fundraising Events	1,328	-	-	1,328	-
Grants	14,825	-	-	14,825	26,507
Loans	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Club Coaching	998	-	-	998	3,808
Match Fees	196	-	-	196	16
Lights	234	-	-	234	110
Bath University coaching	20,544	-	-	20,544	4,089
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	61,834	-	-	61,834	45,412
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,834	-	-	61,834	45,412
A3 Payments					
Avon LTA	595	-	-	595	375
Tennis Balls	495	-	-	495	52
BANES Rent	431	-	-	431	1,600
Insurance	392	-	-	392	362
Electricity	1,102	-	-	1,102	530
Miscellaneous	128	-	-	128	112
Additional Court Hire	240	-	-	240	-
Salford Community Association	10	-	-	10	50
Club Maintenance	307	-	-	307	-
Loan Repayment	1,000	-	-	1,000	500
Payment Processing fees	490	-	-	490	349
New Clubhouse	20,964	-	-	20,964	487
Club Coaching	759	-	-	759	1,591
Bath University Coaching	20,581	-	-	20,581	3,644
Sub total	47,493	-	-	47,493	9,651
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,493	-	-	47,493	9,651
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,342	-	-	14,342	35,761
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	64,505	-	-	64,505	28,744
Cash funds this year end	78,847	-	-	78,847	64,505

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	Lloyds Current Account	4,801	-	-
	Lloyds Regual Savings Account	34,498	-	-
	Lloyds Instant Saver Account	39,549	-	-
	Total cash funds	78,847	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	LTA Floodlights Loan	1,000	-	
	Bath University Coaching	334	-	
	LTA Clubhouse Loan	10,000	-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	<p>PDMay</p> <p>RL Tonkin</p>	<p>PETER MAY</p> <p>RACHAEL TONKIN</p>	<p>10/1/23</p> <p>10/1/23</p>