

Rhondda Lawn Tennis Club

Chairman's Address on behalf of Trustees, 2023

Time is flying by. We have witnessed a period in recent years when RLTC has been transformed. The dilapidated shack has been upgraded to a venue which is the envy of many visitors. The membership of the Club has risen to almost 200, which is almost beyond belief when one considers that it was less than 30 a few years ago.

One must remember the saying, "There's no gain without pain!". Indeed, the amount of effort that has been made by some members, particularly most of the committee, has been immense.

The Club became registered as a Charitable Incorporate Organisation, a CIO, the object of which is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular, by presenting facilities for playing tennis in Rhondda Cynon Tâf (and surrounding areas) for the public benefit, including developing the capacity, skills and confidence of children, young people and/disabled, including adults who are socially disadvantaged. In just a few words, the aim of the Club is to be wholly inclusive.

The interest in playing has increased and the Club House is developing as a possible venue for social gatherings. It is heartening to see so many children signing up for coaching, and on that note, I must say how impressed I am with the interaction that our coaches, Mike, Callum and Mansoor, have with the youngsters and adults. Whenever I've been present at coaching sessions, I've been impressed by the coaches' delivery and the response of those being coached, in all age groups. If only the warm atmosphere created could also have been added to by the weather!

As mentioned earlier, a considerable amount of work has been carried out by the committee, whether in an administrative, advisory or practical manner. The time and

effort given has been so valuable to the Club. However, I am confident that you will all agree that the contribution of our Treasurer / Membership Secretary has been beyond belief! The rest of us on the committee are aware of the research he has carried out regarding the availability of grants, the personal contacts he has made with representatives / employees of grant bodies and the local authority, which have resulted in the donations which have paid for and are still paying for the Clubhouse restoration.

It was no great surprise, consequently, that he was named as the Tennis Wales 2023 Volunteer of the Year for the leadership he has shown, the fundraising work he has carried out and the countless hours he has given to the work, day and night.

On behalf of the Club, I can only say a huge thank you for all of John's contributions. Thanks also to those who have donated kitchen items and financially towards the cost of refurbishing the Club. Thanks to those who have obtained Food Hygiene Certificates. One mustn't forget those who have donated their time and labour. THANK YOU. Long may it continue.

My hope for the future is that people from the wider community will become aware of what the Club has to offer, that those interested in playing in Men's, Ladies and mixed matches will increase, and that plans which include indoor courts will materialise.

RHONDDA LAWN TENNIS CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

CATEGORY	INCOME
Membership Fees	
Grants and Donations	£58,733.11
Donations	£365.33
Pay & Play (Court Bookings Stripe) (LTA Rally)	£400.81
Café Income	£2,301.90
Coaching Income	£4,586.89
Events	£1,292.01
	£67,680.05
	EXPENDITURE
Café Expenditure	£2,916.71
Clubhouse Maintenance & Upgrades	£30,410.49
On-Cost Maintenance and Insurance for Smart Gate	£1,447.84
Stripe Charges (LTA Rally Court Bookings)	£0.00
Membership Fee Refunds	£0.00
LTA Affiliation Registration (Tennis Wales)	£810.00
Team Registrations	£70.00
Coaching Courses and Related Costs (Tennis Squad)	£2,560.00
Food Hygiene Courses	£69.00
Insurance (Clubhouse Building/Contents & Courts Cover)	£609.51
Utilities (Water/Electricity/Microsoft Apps and Tools/Sky Mobile/Sky Broadband)	£1,812.97
Donations and Loan Repayments	£4,330.00
Tennis Equipment	£443.73
Events	£2,831.35
	£48,311.60

SURPLUS: £20,735.83

Opening Bank Balance as of 1 April 2023 £6,587.45

Closing Bank Balance as of 30 March 2024 £27,323.28

A net inflow of: £20,735.83

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*Notes to the 2023-2024 figures:

There was a £9,088.24 grant from RCTCBC

There was a £12,885.57 grant from RCTCBC

There was a £500.00 grant from Local Giving Ltd.

There was a £5000.00 grant from RCTCBC

There was a £1,150.00 grant from RCTCBC.

There was a £1,000.00 grant from RCTCBC.

There was a £4,000.00 grant from RCTCBC.

There was a £2,000.00 grant from RCTCBC.

There was a £540.00 grant from RCTCBC.

There was a £22,569.00 grant from Sport Wales.

TOTAL GRANT INCOME: £58,733.11

There was a £6.18 donation from Amazon Smile (Raised by your internet purchases).

There was a £17.69 donation from Amazon Smile (Raised by your internet purchases).

There was a £20.29 donation from Easy Fundraising (Raised by your internet purchases).

There was a £17.95 donation from Easy Fundraising (Raised by your internet purchases).

There was a £303.22 donation from an Anonymous Member.

TOTAL DONATIONS INCOME: £365.33



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Rhondda Lawn Tennis Club

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1185547

Set out on pages

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

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report 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:

12/02/2025

Name:

Kristy-Ann Standbridge LLB MSc

Relevant professional
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(if any):

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