



Report of the trustees

1. Introduction

The trustees submit their report and financial statements for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

The trustees have overall responsibility for the direction, management and control of the CIO.

2. Objects and activities

The club's primary purpose is to encourage the sport of croquet to everyone. Croquet is particularly suited to encourage healthy recreation for people of all physical abilities. At the same time it can be played as a serious competitive sport.

Watford (Cassiobury) Croquet Club is situated in a major park area in the town, and is easily accessible to all.

Our target is to provide a welcoming social environment for casual players, and in parallel to develop as one of the top clubs in the region for competitive croquet.

3. Review

The CIO was set-up in October 2019 by simple transference from the old unincorporated club. This was therefore our second year of full operation as a CIO.

The winter period from October to March is traditionally a quiet time for all croquet clubs as the weather is not conducive to play nor maintaining a healthy grass playing surface. And so the first three months of 2021 proved to be, exacerbated by the resurgence of the Covid pandemic and the tight social restrictions in place.

Progressive respite from these constraints, plus the fast-developing vaccination program, coincided with the traditional start of the croquet season on 1st April, and by May we were able to start the season under "almost normal" conditions.

Our membership numbers had held up well considering the near total loss of the 2020 season and a full programme of internal competitions, external inter-club leagues and competitions was planned and fully executed over the course of the year.

We also ran several Open Tournaments within the CA umbrella organisation, and hosted two National Championships.

The other major event was finally, after many years of planning, building and fitting out, to actually be able to start using our new pavilion. This has been a great success, and is a significant asset towards our goal of making Watford a "top tier" croquet club.

We have plans for further developments, and the next major project is the installation of a proper lawn watering system. We hope to start this in 2022.

4. Finance review

This was a “quiet year” on the financial front, with the membership stable and no major items of expenditure. Total income for the period was £9,790. Expenditure totalled £8,341.

Net income was thus £1,449. Total funds in hand carried forward are £21,710.

The full statement of accounts follows as Appendix A.

5. Trustees

Under the constitution of the CIO, there must be at least three and no more than twelve trustees.

At the AGM in March 2021, the specific “club officer” assignments were confirmed.

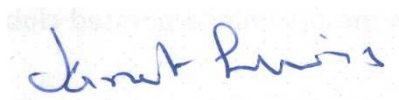
The trustees serving during the period were:

Janet Lewis	(appointed 7 October 2019) Chair
Andre Machell	(appointed 7 October 2019) Treasurer
Linda Williams	(appointed 7 October 2019) Secretary
Simon Hathrell	(appointed 7 October 2019)
Roger Nicholls	(appointed 7 October 2019)
Geoff Johnson	(appointed 7 October 2019, resigned 23 March 2021, re-elected 23 March 2021)
George Skinner	(appointed 7 October 2019, resigned 23 March 2021, re-elected 23 March 2021)

The trustees meet regularly, approximately six times a year, and as needed to resolve any ad hoc issues that arise.

The trustees are satisfied that our governance processes are in accordance with our constitution and fully compliant with the requirements of the Charities Commission.

This report was approved by the trustees on 26 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Janet Lewis
Chair



Independent examiners report to the trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Watford (Cassiobury) Croquet Club, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, for the year ended 31 December 2021.

As the trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect, the accounting records were not kept in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

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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Brian Havill
Independent examiner
24 October 2022



Appendix A

Statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

Amounts in £

Period:	2021	7/10/2019 - 31/12/2020
	84 members	85 members
Donation from unincorporated club	-	20,578
Other donations	135	806
Membership subscriptions	6,145	250
Charity one-ball event	950	650
Hire charges / guest fees	1,492	366
Tournaments	1,038	165
Course fees/key deposits (net)	30	50
Total income	9,790	22,865
CA member registration	(1,190)	-
Park season tickets	(2,423)	-
Charity one-ball donation	(950)	(650)
Entry fees - CA/EACF tournaments	(427)	(54)
New pavilion refurbishment	(3,654)	(329)
Equipment - playing	(17)	-
Equipment - non-playing	(5)	(60)
Trophies and plaques	(362)	(35)
Refreshments/consumables	(317)	(51)
Other expenditure	(52)	(68)
Insurance	(134)	(167)
Total expenditure	(9,531)	(1,414)
Surplus for the period	259	21,451
Funds at start of period	21,451	0
Funds at end of period	21,710	21,451
Represented by		
Cash at bank	21,710	20,261
Prepaid CA member registration	-	1,190
Total funds	21,710	21,451

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 26 October 2022, and signed on its behalf by:

Janet Lewis
Chair

Andre Machell
Treasurer