



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From October 2019 Period start date

To 31 March 2021 Period end date (note – this 18-month reporting period covers an initial half-year plus our first full-year of operation since becoming incorporated as a CIO in October 2019)

Charity name: Bamford with Thornhill Recreation Ground CIO

Charity registration number: 1185738

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the Charity is to provide a recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Bamford and Thornhill and the surrounding area or for the public at large for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life of the inhabitants.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main activities of the charity is in maintaining access to the grounds, and in maintaining the quality and safety of the recreation ground facilities for its users. It also engages in such fundraising activity as required to support this and the future financial viability of the charity.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity was incorporated as a CIO in October 2019 with a new constitution substantially based on the Charity Commission's model CIO constitution. With regard to the charity's constitution and its activities it meets both the 'benefit' and the 'public' elements of the guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	This charity is not a grant-giving body
	Para 1.38	The charity's purpose in the provision of an outdoor space for recreation and physical activity purposes, is entirely social

Policy on social investment including program related investment		investment focused and is reflected in its constitution. In this regard its Trustees conduct themselves in keeping with social investment principles as set out in the constitution.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	In addition to the volunteer activities of the trustees, the charity has regular volunteer support from the community with a daily security rota (opening-up and locking), grass cutting and litter-picking. From time-to-time the charity calls on additional volunteer input from the local community to help with larger pieces of work, which is always well supported.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The activities of the charity over the last year reflect its core purposes in maintaining the quality and safety of the facilities, notably grass cutting, refreshing the playground bark surfacing (often our most costly single item of regular annual expenditure), fencing repairs and new signage. Also, in collaboration with Hope Valley Climate Action circa 600 trees were planted within the grounds.</p> <p>Sadly, the facility is prone to frequent acts of vandalism, and with the location being some significant distance from the residential centre of the village it has been difficult to maintain an adequate level of surveillance. Therefore, after much debate the trustees agreed to the installation of a CCTV surveillance system, and this became operational in recent months. Within a short space of time this has already helped to identify acts of vandalism and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Unfortunately, this first full year of operation of the CIO has been significantly affected by covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns that have curtailed the normal pattern of usage and group / team-based activities in particular. On the other hand, local residents have made much use of the grounds during this time as accessible space for daily exercise – it is a large area (circa 11 acres) allowing for significant social distancing and safe family activities.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The charity's core purpose in maintaining the physical infrastructure of a local recreation ground facility generally defines our objective activities. In addition to this we aim to raise sufficient funds to cover the annual revenue requirements of undertaking such activities. We work to a general principle of not charging local residents for use of the grounds as individuals or families, although we may request a contribution in relation to exclusive or regular usage (such as by the football team). In order to cover the bulk of our expenses we rely on attracting larger external events, such as mass-participation activities. The ground is well located in the national park for adventure type competition events. Generally, we have been reasonably successful with this, with the exception that during this last year covid-19 restrictions have completely curtailed such activities, which has hit our fundraising ability badly (yet our expenses have been much the same).
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Refer to the previous response above. Although we have had no fundraising income this last year, we have been grateful to have benefited from the government's covid-19 support grant schemes.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The charity does not have investment objectives

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Refer to the accompanying financial statement
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The CIO is the landowner for circa 11 acres of land known as Bamford with Thornhill Recreation Ground, and the buildings and infrastructure contained therein. The trustees are mindful of the risk of unforeseen incidents or repair & replacement requirements that could result in a significant financial outlay impact. The trustees therefore aim to maintain sufficient financial resilience to be able to cope with such events.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Refer to the accompanying financial statement

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	In a normal year the principal source of funding is from hire of the grounds by large external events organisers. This is supplemented by small contributions from the local football team, the Parish Council caravan club rallies and by small donations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The charity does not have investment objectives
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism is a particular continuing risk and is a frequent cause of expenditure (mitigation: daily security rota and CCTV). • Playground equipment failure and/or safety shortfalls (mitigation: regular inspections & repair and annual ROSPA audit). • Fencing breakages, especially along riverbank (mitigation: regular inspection & repair) • Weather related events, such as tree-fall (mitigation: regular inspection & repair).

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	As set out in the CIO constitution, although the trustees recognise that it would be helpful to have a separate trustee appointment policy to guide the actual appointment procedure.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Work in progress
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	This is as set out in the CIO's constitution. There must be at least three trustees, with a maximum of nine. The trustees comprise the voting members. Non-voting members can be co-opted from time to time, for example as part of an application pathway for prospective new trustees.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The CIO does not have any formal relationship(s) with any other bodies

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bamford with Thornhill Recreation Ground CIO
Other name the charity uses	Bamford Rec
Registered charity number	1185738
Charity's principal address	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sue Beckett	Treasurer	Whole year	
2	Peter Hearnshaw		Until 20/11/2020	
3	John Soady	Chair	Whole year	
4	Sally Soady		Whole year	
5	Malcolm Sowerby		Whole year	
6	Denry Thorpe		Whole year	
7	David Watson	Secretary	Whole year	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	No custodian trustee
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable


Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	John Soady	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	31/5/2021	

Bamford with Thornhill Recreation Ground Accounts

Income & Expenditure Account - 1st Oct 2019 to Year Ending 31st March 2021

	2019 - 2021		2019- 2021
Ground Hire	2,600.00	Council Tax	0.00
Donations	800.00	Water	231.47
Interest/Dividend	218.17	Insurance	3,310.27
Rallies	0.00	Maintenance	649.13
Misc	0.00	Grass Cutting	720.00
Grants	20,770.00	Misc	2,199.43
		CIO	3,551.00
		Cleaning	472.86
		Calor Gas	215.76
		Electricity	454.83
Play Area			
incl interest	123.23	Donations	1,360.00
		Play Area	523.50
Increase in value of shares	108.11	Decrease in value of shares	
Excess of expenditure over income		Excess of income over expenditure	10,931.26
Total	24,619.51	Total	24,619.51

Cash and Share Valuations

30.09.19		31.03.21
88.59	RBS Current Account	8,829.98
32,010.72	Monmouthshire B Society	33,280.68
19,055.30	Monmouthshire B Society P/A	19,867.10
<u>51,154.61</u>	Cash Holdings	<u>61,977.76</u>
	Increase in Cash in 18 months	10,823.15
652.79	Shares	760.90
	Cash and Share Holdings	62,738.66
	Increase in value 18 months	108.11

Bradwell Co-op Donation 244.94

I certify the Income and Expenditure Account is in accordance with the books and records of the Bamford with Thornhill Recreation Ground, in stating an excess of income over expenditure of £10,931 for the organisation for the 18 month period to 31st March 2021.

John Hollis
Hon Auditor

PREPARED BY
Sue Beckett
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(Hon Treasurer)