

## **Bamford with Thornhill Recreation Ground CIO Annual Report**

**Period: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Charity registration number: 1185738**

### **Trustees (at 31/3/22)**

Susan Beckett (Treasurer)  
Denry Leighton  
John Soady (Chair)  
Sally Soady  
Malcolm Sowerby  
David Watson (Secretary)

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### **Structure, management, and trustee recruitment**

The business of the CIO is managed through a bi-monthly meeting of its trustees. From time to time the trustees call on volunteer support from the local community in relation to the upkeep of the recreation ground.

Trustees are drawn from the local community, preferably from within the Bamford with Thornhill parish, which comprises the area of benefit. Trustee applicants are expected to have a history of having provided support to the management of the recreation ground, its activities and upkeep.

### **Objectives, activities and public benefit**

The purpose of the CIO is as set out in the constitution:

*The object of the Charity shall be 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 said inhabitants.*

As such the primary activities of the CIO, its trustees and volunteers are focused on ensuring access, maintenance, safety and the financial viability of the recreation ground for the beneficial enjoyment of the local community. To that end, this year's efforts have focused on improvements to the playground. The existing wooden paling fence was requiring frequent repair and replacement, so this has now been replaced with playground compliant powder-coated metal fencing. Also, several items of play equipment with worn or rusty bearings have been repaired, new swing seats have been fitted, and an additional 6m<sup>3</sup> of safety bark has been laid. Further to this, the car park has had a resurfacing top-up of stone chippings.

Sadly, we continue to suffer bouts of invidious vandalism, mostly to the pavilion and outside toilet block. The CCTV system installed in the previous year has probably helped to reduce the problem

somewhat, though notably CCTV has also proved helpful to assess reported episodes of antisocial behaviour.

Trustees have an obligation to ensure the financial viability of the charity going forward. To this end, to a great extent we are dependent on attracting ground rental fees from several large participation events to the recreation ground each year. Unfortunately, during the last two years of pandemic such events have been at a premium, though hopefully this will now begin to improve. Despite this, over the past year we did secure bookings from a mountain bike and a mountain marathon event, plus several smaller event bookings.

Each year the CIO commissions the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) to undertake a safety audit of the playground. The resulting report sets out a number of improvement recommendations, and this forms the basis for prioritising the playground work. Looking forward, in the next financial year we will continue our focus on playground improvements, and this will include repairing and repainting the play fort. Also, the trustees note the worsening condition of the outside toilet block, which we feel will need to be replaced in the very near future.

### **Financial review**

Refer to a separate income and expenditure account. Of note:

- Against an annual income of £10,332 (largely through grant awards) the CIO incurred a net expenditure of £8,599, occasioned by an exceptional investment in an upgrade to the playground totalling £11,518.
- As set out above, despite the continuing pandemic hiatus, we did manage to attract event and caravan rally bookings (£1,463) and a respectable ground hire income. (£742).
- We were successful in securing covid and other grant income of £8,000, compensating for foregone events income, of which some was set against the 'Extra Time' event outgoings (£1,005).
- Grounds & pavilion maintenance, and insurance account for most of our normal outgoings, though this year we incurred the additional exceptional expenditure associated with the playground upgrade referred to above.
- Gross of playground extraordinary expenditure, with the benefit of grant support the CIO saw an underlying net surplus of £2,919.
- The CIO was able to carry forward reasonably healthy cash balances into the new year.

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## Income & Expenditure Account - 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Income		Expenditure	
2021 - 2022		2021- 2022	
Ground Hire	1,462.58	Council Tax	64.68
Donations	0.00	Water	314.94
Interest/Dividend	26.98	Insurance	1,772.77
Rallies	742.50	Maintenance	2,283.76
Misc	0.00	Grass Cutting	720.00
Grants	8,000.00	Extra Time Events	1,005.06
		ICO annual pament	35.00
		Cleaning	80.00
		Calor Gas	143.84
		Electricity	280.56
		Miscellaneous	467.06
Play Area incl interest	0.00	Bradwell Co-op Donation Play Area	244.94 11,518.30
Increase in value of shares	99.83	Decrease in value of shares	
Excess of expenditure over income	8,599.02	Excess of income over expenditure	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,930.91</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18,930.91</b>
	8,829.98	RBS Current Account	2,131.13
	33,280.68	Monmouthshire B Society	37,815.63
	19,867.10	Monmouthshire B Society P/A	13,332.15
	<u>61,977.76</u>	Cash Holdings	<u>53,278.91</u>
		<b>Decrease in Cash in 12 Months</b>	<b>(8,698.85)</b>
	760.90	Shares	<u>860.73</u>
	<u>62,738.66</u>	<b>Cash and Share Holdings</b>	<b>54,139.64</b>
		<b>Change in share value</b>	<u><u>99.83</u></u>
		<b>Decrease in Value in year</b>	<b>(8,599.02)</b>
		<b>Bradwell Co-op Donation</b>	nil

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 expenditure over income of £8,599 for the organisation for the year to 31st March. 2022.

Prepared By

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