

WOMBAT CRICKET CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1187872

Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PLAYING CRICKET.

Activities: Provides a sporting opportunity in cricket for young people and adults, that promotes health and wellbeing and social cohesion. The activities include providing opportunities for people with disabilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£21,612	£18,943	-	-
2024-01-31	£23,187	£20,242	-	-
2023-01-31	£31,446	£53,288	-	-
2022-01-31	£62,292	£74,887	-	-
2021-01-31	£23,381	£5,971	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Jane Alexandra Hamlin EdD	Chair	2024-03-18
Alan Edwin Ranger		2020-02-20
Graham Jeffrey Byers		2020-02-20
Jeffrey burbidge		2020-02-20
Nathan James Welch		2020-02-20
Paul Mahoney York-Smith ACA		2020-02-20

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Wombat Cricket Club (CIO) – Charity No. 1187872

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from:

01st February 2024 – 31st January 2025

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Management Structure change

At the AGM on the 19th February 2024, The Trustees proposed a change to the charities management structure because of the rapid expansion of the club and related increase in workloads.. The proposal was to split The Trustees' oversight roles from the day to day management roles. A new General Committee reporting to The Trustees was proposed, with defined roles, to encourage more members to get involved in the day to day management of the charity bringing extra resource, creative ideas and new skills. This proposal was accepted unanimously by the members and implemented straight away with the election of new General Committee members at the AGM. Currently two of The Trustees are serving on the General Committee, including the treasurer, to ensure continuity between the trustees and the General Committee. The Trustees feel this change has improved available resources and skill sets available to them.

Activities

Provides a sporting opportunity in cricket for young people and adults, which promotes health and wellbeing and social cohesion. The activities include providing opportunities for people with disabilities.

Wombat Cricket Club fields an adult men's cricket team with mixed abilities and plays 30-40 friendly cricket matches on Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the playing season. Our team continues to attract new members and prosper.

In 2023 an adult women's cricket team was formed. This is a team with mixed abilities and plays 15-20 softball cricket matches throughout the playing season. They have also entered a softball knockout cup competition and hosted a women's cricket softball festival. The team has integrated women from previous softball cricket taster sessions with several new members and has been an enormous success, winning their league in 2024. The Women's section is well supported, and we are confident that the team will continue to prosper and potentially develop to include a women's hardball team in the future.

In 2024 our junior coaching programme continued. We ran the ECB All Stars cricket coaching program for 5- to 8-year-old children. This involved hosting and coaching 42 junior members and their families who attended the club on Friday nights for 9 weeks. Alongside All Stars we also ran two ECB Dynamos cricket coaching programs on Friday nights for 9 weeks. In all we had 42 participants split over two groups, one specific to boys aged 8-11 years and the other specific to girls of the same age.

Another highlight of 2024 has been the establishment of our new U11 team, a significant milestone for Wombat Cricket Club. This team represents the future of our club, and it is a joy to see the next generation of cricketers developing their skills, teamwork, and love for the game. Their success is a testament to the strong foundation we are building in youth cricket. We must now strive to engage with the parents and their families to support the activity, to ensure we attract new volunteers to the club.

These junior initiatives play a critical role in shaping our club's future, as they provide an accessible and fun environment for children to engage with cricket from an early age. As we continue to grow these programmes, it is clear that our investment in junior cricket is not only beneficial for the development of players but also plays a key role in ensuring the financial sustainability of our club.

Wombat CC again hosted and provided facilities for representative cricket teams on the Somerset CCC Pathway Programme (Under 10s – Under 17s) and Somerset Senior teams. Our volunteers prepare and facilitate the match day experience for both players and their families, and we continue to receive positive feedback from all users of the ground.

To support our objectives, we continue to provide both a training and match venue for Somerset Visually Impaired Cricket Club (SVICC) and are a Disability Cricket Champion club adhering to the standards proposed by the Somerset Cricket Foundation.

All activities and sessions are provided and staffed by unpaid volunteers who also gain from the experience by contributing to their local community.

Extensive work continued to improve the pitch and outfield. Players and spectators continue to comment on these improvements and how impressive the facility looks and plays.

This year we continued with various project improvements to the ground and its facilities. We installed new doors on the changing rooms creating more privacy, better access for the SVICC and improved security. We improved our hardcore area and pathways making it more usable for storing equipment and safer to move between buildings. We secured a major boundary wall by repointing most of it to remove the risk of it collapsing into the ground. We installed a dishwasher to help with event hosting. We also laid the groundwork for the funding of additional projects for year-end 31 January 2026 including the installation of solar panels, the refurbishment of the driveway from the main road to the club house and the upgrading of our scoreboard facilities to an integrated "play cricket" electronic scoreboard.

Volunteers

Our club is run entirely by volunteers, has no paid members of staff and the charity does not provide any financial grants.

Our volunteers perform many tasks including:

- Charity and club administration.
- Organising net practice, fixtures, teams prior to and on match days.
- Pitch and outfield maintenance.
- Training and coaching children and the coaching courses required.
- Machinery maintenance and servicing.
- Staffing the clubhouse and ancillary facilities on match days.
- Opening, closing, and staffing the facility when hosting other teams.
- Cleaning the facility.
- Administration required for capital projects and the time required to manage these projects.

Finance

We have run the club in such a way over the last year so that, with playing membership subscriptions and sponsorship contributions, we have made a small profit and not had to use any of the clubs' long-term savings.

We have invested any profit from activities back into improving the quality of the infrastructure of the club, the pitch and outfield. We wish to maintain this momentum and have re-assessed our immediate and future needs.

We continue to hold at least one year of running costs as a reserve in our savings account. This would cover insurance, utility bills, pitch, and ground renovation costs, building maintenance and machinery servicing. We were particularly conscious of this given the Covid-19 pandemic, and if we were to experience future seasons where cricket is unable to be played or has a reduced playing capacity, then revenue into the charity will be limited.

Our revenue comes from the following sources:

- Subscriptions from playing & social membership.
- Sponsorship from local businesses.
- Subscription from junior coaching sessions.
- Bar and BBQ supporting on field activities
- Ground hire.
- Match Day clubhouse income.
- Fund-raising activities e.g., quiz nights.
- Grants from cricket and public sector organisations.

Currently the club is in a positive financial position and has plans for future development of ground and cricket related items in addition to those already mentioned such as new nets to support the juniors expansion, underground water supply to the square, lane fence replacement, clock tower renovation and a robotic outfield mower once solar panels have been installed.

Independent Examiners Report

With the completion of the major one-off capital projects (New Garage, Club House extension and refurbishment) which were mainly funded by crowd funding, grants and sponsorship, income fell below £25,000 for the second year. As a result, there was no voluntary Independent Examiners Report requested by the trustees this year as was the case in the previous year.

Income will be above £25,000 for Year End to 31st January 2026 due to a significant grant to fund the solar power project so a statutory Independent Examiners Report will be completed next year.

Wombat Cricket Club CIO – Financial Statements on 31st January 2025

Income & Expenditure Detail:

			to January 2025			to January 2024		
Sum of Value Income/ Expense	Category	What	Both accounts			Both accounts		
			General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total
Income	Playing Activities	Bar	10,591	-	10,591	7,826	-	7,826
		Game & Nets	3,580	-	3,580	2,893	-	2,893
		Subs	2,500	-	2,500	1,530	-	1,530
		AllStars & Dynamos	2,311	-	2,311	2,098	-	2,098
		Annual Dinner	1,656	-	1,656	1,553	-	1,553
	Playing Activities Total		20,638	-	20,638	15,901	-	15,901
	Ground Assets	Ground Assets	-	-	-	550	-	550
	Ground Assets Total		-	-	-	550	-	550
	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising	Quiz Night	318	-	318	1,217	-	1,217
		Sponsorship	156	-	156	2,220	-	2,220
		Small Grants	-	500	500	-	500	500
	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising Total		474	500	974	3,437	500	3,937
Projects	Club House Project - Crowd Funding	-	-	-	-	2,800	2,800	
	Projects Total	-	-	-	-	2,800	2,800	
Income Total			21,112	500	21,612	19,887	3,300	23,187
Expense	Playing Activities	Bar	(5,332)	-	(5,332)	(4,461)	-	(4,461)
		Game & Nets	(1,017)	-	(1,017)	(1,157)	-	(1,157)
		AllStars & Dynamos	(160)	-	(160)	(132)	-	(132)
		Defib	(151)	-	(151)	(389)	-	(389)
		Annual Dinner	(1,394)	-	(1,394)	(1,206)	-	(1,206)
	Playing Activities Total		(8,054)	-	(8,054)	(7,346)	-	(7,346)
	Maintenance	Building Maint (incl Insurance)	(1,159)	-	(1,159)	(1,541)	-	(1,541)
		Machinery Maintenance (incl Fuel)	(744)	-	(744)	(1,218)	-	(1,218)
		Pitch Work	(1,089)	(500)	(1,589)	(2,996)	-	(2,996)
	Maintenance Total		(2,992)	(500)	(3,492)	(5,755)	-	(5,755)
	Maintenance - Utilities	Electric	(818)	-	(818)	(976)	-	(976)
		Water	(264)	-	(264)	(398)	-	(398)
Maintenance - Utilities Total		(1,082)	-	(1,082)	(1,374)	-	(1,374)	

Sum of Value			Both accounts			Both accounts		
Income/	Category	What	General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total
Expense	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising	Quiz Night	(210)	-	(307)	(307)	-	(307)
		EWCT Grant 2022	(22)	-	(429)	-	(429)	(429)
		Sponsorship	(211)	-	(132)	(132)	-	(132)
	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising Total		(443)	-	(443)	(439)	(429)	(868)
	Projects	Club House project	(1,049)	-	(1,049)	-	(4,147)	(4,147)
		Dishwasher project	(56)	-	(56)	-	-	-
		Hardcore Area project	(1,373)	-	(1,373)	-	-	-
		Boundary wall pointing project	(843)	-	(843)	-	-	-
	Projects Total		(3,321)	-	(3,321)	-	(4,147)	(4,147)
	Ground Assets	Ground Assets	(2,551)	-	(2,551)	(753)	-	(753)
	Ground Assets Total		(2,551)	-	(2,551)	(753)	-	(753)
Expense Total			(18,443)	(500)	(18,943)	(15,666)	(4,576)	(20,242)
Grand Total			2,669	-	2,669	4,221	(1,276)	2,945

	Current	Savings	
Bank Opening	12,250	12,605	
Bank Close	14,918	12,605	
Net Income/(Expense)	2,668	-	2,668
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	Current	Savings	
Bank Opening	13,184	8,725	
Bank Close	12,250	12,605	
Net Income/(Expense)	(934)	3,880	2,946
			(1)

Wombat Cricket Club CIO – Balance Sheet on 31st January 2025

Simple Wombat Balance Sheet @ 31.01.2025			Jan 2025	Jan 2024
Property			64,514	64,514
	<i>Being</i>	<i>Ground Purchase</i>	56,800	56,800
		<i>Fees</i>	7,714	7,714
Assets			16,842	15,042
	<i>(Items > £1000)</i>	<i>Being</i>		
		<i>Tractor & Cutting Deck</i>	15,042	15,042
		<i>Mower Slitter Cassette</i>	1,800	
Cash & Cash Equivalents				
		Current Account	14,918	12,250
		<i>Including</i>		
		<i>General Running profit</i>		
		Cash		
		Savings Account	12,605	12,605
		<i>Being</i>		
		Unrestricted		
		<i>Pre Trust Reserves</i>	3,210	3,210
		<i>Covid Funding</i>	4,236	4,236
		<i>Sponsorship/fund raising/23 Subs</i>	4,659	4,659
			12,105	12,105
		Restricted		
		<i>Disability Grant</i>	500	500
			500	500

Risks

The club sees two main risks for the future but feel that we are in a strong position compared to other clubs in our sector, these being:

- 1) Financial risk of maintaining the facility is always a challenge but we have successfully managed this since taking on the facility in 2016.
- 2) Competition of leisure time and dwindling interest in community sport and recreation is also a risk. We are not seeing this at present with our thriving membership and junior cricket provision.

Currently there are no uncertainties about the charity's continuation, and we believe we still have a strong club with a good volunteer base and momentum to drive the charity forward.

Future Objectives

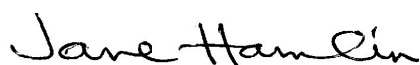
We will continue to invest in the facility to try to maintain a ground and clubhouse that is functional for all users. We will modernise our sporting facility and keep it to the highest standard possible to encourage future sport and recreation and achieve our goals.

We will develop and expand our junior cricket offer to the community to engage and inspire more young people to enjoy the sport and nurture their interests in the game. In addition, we recognise cricket should be a sport for all, and we aim to both progress our disability cricket offer and expand our female offer at both junior and senior level. We will continue our strong existing relationship with the Somerset Cricket Foundation and seek to collaborate with them in developing all our future cricketing activities.

The Trustees of Wombat Cricket Club (CIO) have followed all guidance issued by the Charity Commission and feel that the range of activities highlighted above demonstrate our ability and commitment to deliver public benefit to our local community.

Trustees report approved by Board.

Authorised signatory:



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Dr Jane Hamlin
Chair of The Board of Trustees – Wombat Cricket Club CIO

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Wombat CC purchased some Junior, hardball, cricketing equipment in 2023 and subsequently provided four 'Introduction to hardball' sessions with a view to creating a junior hardball provision in 2024. These were keenly attended by twelve older children (boys and girls) from the Dynamos groups.

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This year we continued with the major internal refurbishment and extension to our clubhouse. The previous toilets and showers were outdated and did not provide sufficient welfare facilities for our growing user base. The changing rooms were linked by two electric showers at the rear. We now have separated the changing rooms so that each team has a separate space which comprises of a private changing area, two modern showers within cubicles and a toilet. Within the bar and club room area we have updated the toilet facilities also. Previously, this comprised of a single ladies and men's toilet and some outdated men's urinals. We have cleverly used this space and previous storage space to create a large entrance into an area with hand washing facilities and two unisex toilets on the right and a disabled wet room on the left which has disabled toilet and shower facilities doubling up as an Umpire and Officials changing area with baby changing facilities. To protect our main asset, we have added a new security roller shutter to the inside of the club house doors and added new plastic fascia boards and guttering.

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Independent Examiners Report – Available on request

With the completion of the major one-off capital projects (New Garage, Club House extension and refurbishment) which were mainly funded by crowd funding, grants and sponsorship, income fell below £25,000 for the year and is also expected to below £25,000 for Year End to January 2025, Only for a yearly income over £25,000, is an Independent Examiners Report a statutory requirement.

Despite income falling below £25,000, the trustees decided to continue with obtaining Independent Examiners Reports. These will be made available where needed but not published as part of these annual reports unless income goes above £25,000 again in the future.

Wombat Cricket Club CIO – Verified Financial Statements on 31st January 2024

Income & Expenditure Detail:

			to January 2024			to January 2023			
Sum of Value Income/ Expense	Category	What	Both accounts			Both accounts			
			General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total	
Income	Playing Activities	Bar	7,826	0	7,826	6,391	0	6,391	
		Game & Nets	2,893	0	2,893	3,628	0	3,628	
		Subs	1,530	0	1,530	1,090	0	1,090	
		AllStars & Dynamos	2,098	0	2,098	1,894	0	1,894	
		Annual Dinner	1,553	0	1,553	433	0	433	
	Playing Activities Total			15,901	0	15,901	13,434	0	13,434
	Ground Assets	Ground Assets	550	0	550	0	0	0	
	Ground Assets Total			550	0	550	0	0	0
	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising	Quiz Night	1,217	0	1,217	0	0	0	
		Sponsorship	2,220	0	2,220	2,012	0	2,012	
		Small Grants	-	500	500	0	1,000	1,000	
	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising Total			3,437	500	3,937	2,012	1,000	3,012
	Projects	Club House Project - Grants	-	0	-	0	15,000	15,000	
		Club House Project - Crowd Funding	-	2,800	2,800	0	0	0	
Projects Total			-	2,800	2,800	-	15,000	15,000	
Income Total			19,887	3,300	23,187	15,446	16,000	31,446	
Expense	Playing Activities	Bar	(4,461)	0	(4,461)	(2,511)	0	(2,511)	
		Game & Nets	(1,157)	0	(1,157)	(945)	0	(945)	
		AllStars & Dynamos	(132)	0	(132)	(244)	0	(244)	
		Defib	(389)	0	(389)	0	0	0	
		Annual Dinner	(1,206)	0	(1,206)	0	0	0	
	Playing Activities Total			(7,346)	0	(7,346)	(3,700)	0	(3,700)
	Maintenance	Building Maint (incl Insurance)	(1,541)	0	(1,541)	(1,326)	0	(1,326)	
		Machinery Maintenance (incl Fuel)	(1,218)	0	(1,218)	(1,047)	0	(1,047)	
		Pitch Work	(2,996)	0	(2,996)	(2,831)	0	(2,831)	
	Maintenance Total			(5,755)	0	(5,755)	(5,204)	0	(5,204)
Maintenance - Utilities	Electric	(976)	0	(976)	(41)	0	(41)		
	Water	(398)	0	(398)	(413)	0	(413)		
Maintenance - Utilities Total			(1,374)	0	(1,374)	(455)	0	(455)	

Sum of Value			Both accounts		
Income/ Expense	Category	What	General	Restricted	Total
Expense	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising	Quiz Night	(307)	0	(307)
		EWCT Grant 2022	-	(429)	(429)
		Sponsorship	(132)	0	(132)
	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising Total		(439)	(429)	(868)
	Projects	Club House project	-	(4,147)	(4,147)
	Projects Total		-	(4,147)	(4,147)
	Ground Assets	Ground Assets	(753)	0	(753)
	Ground Assets Total		(753)	0	(753)
Expense Total			(15,666)	(4,576)	(20,242)
Grand Total			4,221	(1,276)	2,945

Both accounts		
General	Restricted	Total
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	(74,925)	(74,925)
0	(74,925)	(74,925)
(450)	0	(450)
(450)	0	(450)
(9,808)	(74,925)	(84,734)
5,638	(58,925)	(53,288)

	Current	Savings	
Bank Opening	13,184	8,725	
Bank Close	12,250	12,605	
Net Income/(Expense)	(934)	3,880	2,946
			(1)

Current	Savings	
6,546	68,650	
13,184	8,725	
6,638	(59,925)	(53,288)
		0

Wombat Cricket Club CIO – Balance Sheet on 31st January 2024

Simple Wombat Balance Sheet @ 31.01.2024			Jan 2024	Jan 2023
Property			64,513.74	64,513.74
	<i>Being</i>	<i>Ground Purchase</i>	<i>56,800.00</i>	<i>56,800.00</i>
		<i>Fees</i>	<i>7,713.74</i>	<i>7,713.74</i>
Assets			15,042.00	15,042.00
	<i>(Items > £1000)</i>	<i>Being</i>		
		<i>Tractor & Cutting Deck</i>	<i>15,042.00</i>	<i>15,042.00</i>
Cash & Cash Equivalents				
	Current Account		12,249.74	13,183.95
	<i>Including</i>	<i>General Running profit</i>		
	Cash			
	Savings Account		12,604.67	8,724.59
	<i>Being</i>	Unrestricted		
		<i>Pre Trust Reserves</i>	<i>3,210.00</i>	<i>3,210.00</i>
		<i>Covid Funding</i>	<i>4,235.67</i>	<i>5,514.59</i>
		<i>Sponsorship/fund raising/23 Subs</i>	<i>4,659.00</i>	
			12,104.67	8,724.59
		Restricted		
		<i>Disability Grant</i>	<i>500.00</i>	
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Risks

The club sees two main risks for the future but feel that we are in a strong position compared to other clubs in our sector, these being:

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The Trustees of Wombat Cricket Club (CIO) have followed all guidance issued by the Charity Commission and feel that the range of activities highlighted above demonstrate our ability and commitment to deliver public benefit to our local community.

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WOMBAT CRICKET CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1187872

Accounts



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Trustees' Annual Report for the period from:

01st February 2022 – 31st January 2023

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Objectives

For the public benefit, the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for playing cricket.

To promote community participation in sport by the provision of facilities for playing cricket and to maintain the Wombat Cricket Club and ground sustainably to ensure cricket is played at the facility in perpetuity.

Charitable Trustees

Mr David Balch

Mr Paul York-Smith

Mr Jon Bendle

Mr Graham Byers

Mr Raymond Osmond

Mr Alan Ranger

Mr Malcolm Pressly-Smith

Mr Nathan Welch

Mr Jeff Burbidge

Activities

Provides a sporting opportunity in cricket for young people and adults, which promotes health and wellbeing and social cohesion. The activities include providing opportunities for people with disabilities.

Wombat Cricket Club fields an adult men's cricket team with mixed abilities and play 30-40 friendly cricket matches on Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the playing season. Our team has several new members and is continuing to prosper.

In 2022 our junior coaching programme has expanded, and this has dramatically increased the number of users of the facility. We ran the ECB All Stars cricket coaching program for 5- to 8-year-old children. This involved hosting and coaching fifty-two junior members and their families who attended the club on Friday nights for 9 weeks.

Alongside All Stars we also ran two ECB Dynamos cricket coaching programs on Friday nights for 9 weeks. One of these was specific to boys aged 8-11 years and had thirty-two participants and the other was specific to girls of the same age and had twelve participants. A junior Wombat Dynamos representative team participated in two festivals over the winter period run by the Somerset Cricket Foundation. This has increased the participation in the club's junior cricket provision, and this area continues to thrive and be well supported.

Wombat CC again hosted and provided facilities for representative cricket teams on the Somerset CCC Pathway Programme (Under 10s – Under 17s). Our volunteers prepare and facilitate the match day experience for both players and their families, and we continue to receive positive feedback from all users of the ground.

To support our objectives, we continue to provide both a training and match venue for Somerset Visually Impaired Cricket Club and are a Disability Cricket Champion club adhering to the standards proposed by the Somerset Cricket Foundation.

We have again hosted taster sessions for Women's Softball Cricket. These were supported by twelve local women who have all expressed interest in having future sessions in 2023.

All activities and sessions have been provided and staffed by unpaid volunteers who also gain from the experience by contributing to their local community.

Extensive work continued to improve the pitch and outfield. Players and spectators continue to comment on these improvements and how impressive the facility looks and plays.

This year we have performed a major internal refurbishment and extension to our clubhouse. The previous toilets and showers were outdated and did not provide sufficient welfare facilities for our growing user base. The changing rooms were linked by two electric showers at the rear. We now have separated the changing rooms so that each team has a separate space which comprises of a private changing area, two modern showers within cubicles and a toilet. Within the bar and club room area we have updated the toilet facilities also. Previously, this comprised of a single ladies and men's toilet and some outdated men's urinals. We have cleverly used this space and previous storage space to create a large entrance into an area with hand washing facilities and two unisex toilets on the right and a disabled wet room on the left which has disabled toilet and shower facilities as well as a baby changing area if required.

Volunteers

Our club is run entirely by volunteers, has no paid members of staff and the charity does not provide any financial grants.

Our volunteers perform many tasks including:

- Charity and club administration.
- Organising net practice, fixtures, teams prior to and on match days.
- Pitch and outfield maintenance.
- Training and coaching children and the coaching courses required.
- Machinery maintenance and servicing.
- Staffing the clubhouse and ancillary facilities on match days.
- Opening, closing, and staffing the facility when hosting other teams.
- Cleaning the facility.
- Administration required for capital projects and the time required to manage these projects.

Finance

We have run the club in such a way over the last year so that, with playing membership subscriptions and sponsorship contributions, we have made a small profit and not had to use any of the clubs' long-term savings.

We have invested any profit from activities back into improving the quality of the infrastructure of the club, the pitch and outfield. We wish to maintain this momentum and have re-assessed our immediate and future needs.

We continue to hold at least one year of running costs as a reserve in our savings account. This would cover insurance, utility bills, pitch, and ground renovation costs, building maintenance and machinery servicing. We were particularly conscious of this given the Covid-19 pandemic, and if we were to experience future seasons where cricket is unable to be played or has a reduced playing capacity, then revenue into the charity will be limited.

Our revenue comes from the following sources:

- Subscriptions from playing & social membership.
- Sponsorship from local businesses.
- Subscription from junior coaching sessions.
- Ground hire.
- Match Day clubhouse income.
- Fund-raising activities e.g., quiz nights.
- Grants from cricket and public sector organisations.

A successful Crowdfunder campaign was performed in 2021 and the club has secured various grants from the local Parish Council, Sport England and the Somerset Cricket Foundation which has enabled us to complete the clubhouse refurbishment project in 2022. Given the financial pressures of 2022 and the 'cost of living crisis', it has been a huge achievement to complete this extension project. The final cost was significantly more than expected and the club has managed to complete it and maintain its emergency running cost reserves.

Currently the club is in a positive financial position and has plans for future development of ground and cricket related items such as a new scoreboard, underground water supply to the square and junior cricket hardball equipment.

Wombat Cricket Club CIO – Verified Financial Statements on 31st January 2023

Income & Expenditure Detail:

to January 2023

to January 2022

Sum of Value Income/ Expense	Category	What	Both accounts			Both accounts			
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Income	Playing Activities	Bar	6,391	0	6,391	6,140	0	6,140	
		Game & Nets	3,628	0	3,628	2,393	0	2,393	
		Subs	1,090	0	1,090	910	0	910	
		AllStars & Dynamos	1,894	0	1,894	1,599	0	1,599	
		Annual Dinner	433	0	433	50	0	50	
	Playing Activities Total			13,434	0	13,434	11,092	0	11,092
	Maintenance	EW Pitch work Grant	0	0	0	0	1,250	1,250	
		Machinery Maintenance	0	0	0	76	0	76	
	Maintenance Total			0	0	0	76	1,250	1,326
	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising	Covid Grants (21/22 to Club House Project Funding)	0	0	0	0	10,096	10,096	
		Sponsorship	2,012	0	2,012	0	0	0	
		Small Grants	0	1,000	1,000	0	988	988	
		50/50 Fundraising	0	0	0	90	0	90	
	Grants/Sponsors/ Fundraising Total			2,012	1,000	3,012	90	11,084	11,174
	Projects	OutField – Grant 2	0	0	0	0	1,355	1,355	
		Club House Project - Grants	0	15,000	15,000	0	20,000	20,000	
		Club House Project - Crowd Funding	0	0	0	0	17,345	17,345	
Projects Total			0	15,000	15,000	0	38,700	38,700	
Income Total			15,446	16,000	31,446	11,258	51,034	62,292	
Expense	Playing Activities	Bar	(2,511)	0	(2,511)	(2,990)	0	(2,990)	
		Game & Nets	(945)	0	(945)	(235)	0	(235)	
		AllStars & Dynamos	(244)	0	(244)	(153)	0	(153)	
		Playing Activities Total			(3,700)	0	(3,700)	(3,379)	0
	Maintenance	Building Maint (incl Insurance)	(1,326)	0	(1,326)	(1,175)	0	(1,175)	
		Machinery Maintenance (incl Fuel)	(1,047)	0	(1,047)	(793)	0	(793)	
		Pitch Work	(2,831)	0	(2,831)	(1,916)	(1,250)	(3,166)	
		Ground Maint	0	0	0	(116)	0	(116)	
	Maintenance Total			(5,204)	0	(5,204)	(3,999)	(1,250)	(5,249)
	Maintenance - Utilities	Electric	(41)	0	(41)	(42)	0	(42)	
Water		(413)	0	(413)	(155)	0	(155)		
Maintenance - Utilities Total			(455)	0	(455)	(197)	0	(197)	

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		Kitchen Elec & Plumb	0	0	0	0	(827)	(827)
		OutField – Project 2	0	0	0	0	(1,200)	(1,200)
		Patio Project	0	0	0	0	(12,160)	(12,160)
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	Ground Assets	Ground Assets	(450)	0	(450)	(1,157)	(15,042)	(16,199)
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	Ground Assets Total		(450)	0	(450)	(1,157)	(15,042)	(16,199)
Expense Total			(9,808)	(74,925)	(84,734)	(8,733)	(66,155)	(74,887)
Grand Total			5,638	(58,925)	(53,288)	2,525	(15,121)	(12,595)

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Cash & Cash Equivalents			
	Current Account	13,184	6,546
	<i>Including</i>		
	<i>General Running profit</i>		
	Cash	-	-
	Savings Account	8,725	68,650
	<i>Being</i>		
	Unrestricted		
	<i>Pre Trust Reserves</i>	3,210	3,210
	<i>Covid Funding</i>	5,515	17,669
		<u>8,725</u>	<u>20,879</u>
	Restricted		
	<i>Covid Funding</i>	-	10,000
	<i>Patio</i>	-	(841)
	<i>Garage & Machinery</i>	-	3,952
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	<i>Changing Room Project</i>	-	34,505
		<u>-</u>	<u>47,771</u>

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Authorised signatory:

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	WOMBAT CRICKET CLUB		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st JANUARY 2023	Charity no (if any)	1187872
	Set out on pages 1 & 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2023.

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:

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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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Signed: Andrew Welch Date: 30/10/23

Name: ANDREW WELCH

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

Address: 18 HIGHER BEACON, ILMINSTER, SOMERSET, TA19 9AJ

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