

WOOLER BOWLING AND SPORTS CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1188472

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-03-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF , PRINCIPALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE RESIDENTS OF NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND AND THE SCOTTISH BORDERS BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPORT OF BOWLING AND SUCH OTHER SPORTS CAPABLE OF PROMOTING PHYSICAL HEALTH AND FITNESS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE. (FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CLAUSE "FACILITIES" MEANS LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND ORGANISING SPORTING ACTIVITIES). NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005.

Activities: The charity provides facilities for outside bowling on its self maintained bowling green in Wooler. The club enters County wide completions and plays friendly games regularly with other clubs in the North East. There is a clubhouse with basic catering facilities, changing rooms and a storage room. All are welcome to join the club, beginners are welcome and will be given tuition at no charge.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£28,395	£25,387	-	-
2024-09-30	£7,255	£7,028	-	-
2023-09-30	£9,993	£24,060	-	-
2022-09-30	£25,313	£10,469	-	-
2021-09-30	£20,100	£75	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John William Guthrie	Chair	2020-02-11
Brian Davidson		2021-01-19
Jacqui Donnelly		2020-03-11
Richard Henthorn		2020-03-11
Victoria Jane Dent		2020-02-11

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Trustees Report for the year ending 30th Sept 2025

Charity details: Registered charity number 1188472 Address: The Green, 4 Weetwood Road, Wooler, NE71 6AE

Objectives and Activities

To promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of, principally but not exclusively, the residents of North Northumberland by the provision of facilities to participate in the sport of bowling and such other sports capable of promoting physical health and fitness as the Trustees shall from time to time determine. (For the purposes of this clause "facilities" means land, buildings, equipment, and organising sporting activities).

Nothing in the constitution authorises an application of the property of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity provides facilities for members and visitors to play lawn green bowls in the summer season (April to September) and Carpet Bowls and Table Tennis in the clubhouse during the winter months (October to March). Additionally, the Club has a block booking of two bowling rinks on Monday and Friday mornings each week at Berwick-Upon-Tweed Leisure Centre to play full length indoor bowls during the winter months (October to March). All these activities are well supported by the members and allow them to continue to meet socially for healthy exercise when outdoor lawn bowling is not possible.

The Club is affiliated to Bowls Northumberland and Bowls England. On 30th September 2025 the Club had 64 members, of which 52 were full playing members.

The charity makes the clubhouse available for use by local community groups and others by arrangement.

Achievements and Performance

A programme of internal competitions, friendly games and league matches were played throughout the 2025 summer season, plus two open tournaments, which attracted players from all over Northumberland and beyond. Our Club won the North Northumberland Fours League for the second year in succession in 2025. Our Club's three fours took also first, third and fourth places at the North Northumberland League Finals Day. Our fifteen internal competitions and eleven friendly games were well supported by our members. Only one friendly game was cancelled by a visiting club because they could not raise a team.

In addition to all the above, the Club holds three social bowling sessions per week during the outdoor season and members can individually use the green at any time when maintenance is not taking place. Visitors are also welcome to use the green for a small green fee, by arrangement and at two advertised open days held each outdoor season.

Financial Review

The bank balance as at the end of our financial year to 30th September 2025 stood at £22,452 and cash in hand was £1,585. Income for the financial year was £28,395 and expenditure £25,387, resulting in surplus income for the year of £3,008. Members fundraising activities raised £3,670 during the year and a generous donation of £3,000 was received from a member, without which the Club would have been in a break-even position at year-end.

Grants of £9,068 from Barmoor Windfarm and £2,500 from Sport England were received during the financial year. The former was used for the purchase of a new mower for the bowling green which, together with diligent use of the Club's green-iron, improved the bowling surface noticeably. The latter, together with required matched funding, raised by Club members and others via a Crowdfunder Appeal, enabled the Club to install an insulated suspended ceiling with LED lighting in the main hall of the clubhouse. This greatly improved heat retention for indoor winter activities and reduced electricity bills.

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Because of the donation and grants received outlined above, the income and expenditure for the financial year was unusually high for the Club and unlikely to be repeated in the short to medium term.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that report accurately the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that finances are adequately and securely managed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and consequently for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Accounts are prepared on a monthly basis and reviewed by Trustees and the management committee at committee meetings held on average eight times a year. One Trustee with accounting knowledge is the nominated Treasurer with special responsibility for overseeing the accounting processes and procedures. The annual final accounts are inspected and signed by a suitably qualified independent person and their statement included with the submitted accounts.

Reserve Policy and Financial Position

The charities financial position remains healthy but must be seen in the context of an urgent need for an overdue replacement of the clubhouse toilets, kitchen and women's changing room, mostly built in the 1920s. This cannot be achieved without significant external funding in the region of at least £110k. This funding continues to be actively sought, though in a very difficult general economic climate which severely restricts grant opportunities.

Plans for Future Periods

Planning Permission was granted by Northumberland County Council (NCC) in June 2023 for replacement of the oldest section of the clubhouse, the fabric of which continues to deteriorate, despite frequent "running repairs". There is a need for larger women's changing room, improved toilet facilities, including a disabled toilet, better ventilation and a larger kitchen. This replacement will make the clubhouse more suitable for use by other community organisations and for members' indoor activities. The clubhouse has always been available for use by community groups and the Club is committed to improving the facilities it is able to offer to the local community.

Planning permission was achieved after significant expenditure by the Club and NCC Building Control has agreed permanent permission will be granted when some approved initial work has been commenced. This work must be carried out before the original planning permission expires in June 2026. The Club have agreed with NCC Building Control on the initial work required.

Although the Trustees have been advised by our architect that planning permission is likely to be extended for another three years when it is due to expire, this will only be certain if initial work is carried out and approved by NCC Building Control.

The charity are holding some funds in reserve to contribute to the cost of replacing the oldest section of the clubhouse, but substantial grant funding will be needed to achieve the total cost.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is managed by the Trustees. At the Annual general Meeting (AGM) each year the members elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Trustees may be nominated for election by any member and are elected or otherwise at the AGM. There is a management committee which meets regularly which includes Trustees and other elected members to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Club.

The Trustees have regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. They are responsible for preparing the annual Trustees' Report and Financial Statement in accordance with applicable law and the Charity Commission requirements. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity; specifically the receipt and application of resources for that period.

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Trustees at 30.09.2025 - Jacqui Donnelly, John Guthrie, Victoria Symons and Richard Henthorn, all elected 11.3.2020 and Brian Davidson Co-opted 19.1.2021

Governing Document: The Charity Commission standard Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees dated 11th March 2020.

Exemptions from disclosure

None

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

None

Employees and Volunteers

The Trustees thank the Club Management Committee and many of our members for their significant fundraising efforts and voluntary contributions towards maintaining the bowling green, its precincts and the clubhouse, which saves the charity considerable expenditure. Lastly, our thanks go to our match secretaries for organising and managing league matches, friendly games, internal competitions and open tournaments.

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' report above,

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

R Henthorn

Richard Henthorn
Secretary and Treasurer

Wooler Bowling and Sports Club

Accounts for the Year Ending 30th September 2025

Income	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Subscriptions Received	4,142	
Fund raising	3,670	
Competitions	2,337	
Donations	5,958	
Other Income	183	
Sale of Stock items	537	
Grants	<u>11,568</u>	28,395

Expenditure		
Subscriptions Paid	685	
Overheads	3,514	
Planning Application Expenses	670	
Competitions	2,863	
Property Repairs & Renewals	3,678	
Purchase of Stock items	446	
Equipment & Fixtures Purchases	<u>13,531</u>	25,387

Surplus for Year		<u><u>3,008</u></u>
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Opening Bank Balance		21,029
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Surplus for Year		3,008
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Closing Bank Balance		<u><u>24,037</u></u>
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Examiner's Report:

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that any material in respect :

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Signed:

Name: Mr R Turnbull

Address: 3 Clockhouse, Middleton, Belford, Northumberland NE70 7LG

Date: 11th February 2026

Wooler Bowling and Sports Club

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Trustees report for the year ending 30th Sept 2024

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The charity provides facilities for members and visitors to play lawn bowls during the summer season and carpet bowls and table tennis during the winter closed season. The clubhouse is available for use by others by arrangement.

Achievements and Performance

A programme of league matches, friendly matches, internal competitions and invitation tournaments have been played during the summer season. This year the Club won the North Northumberland League Title for the first time since 2012. There have been issues with our own and other clubs achieving the number of players needed for friendly matches as numbers of experienced bowlers has not yet recovered after Covid. Despite this problem 11 friendly matches were played and only 3 cancelled, 2 of these by opposing clubs.

Carpet Bowling has been held regularly each week in the clubhouse throughout the closed winter season. The Club has also hired full length indoor bowling rinks twice per week at a local leisure centre for members to use at cost price to the Club. These activities are particularly well attended and allow members to continue to meet socially for healthy exercise when lawn bowling is not possible. A table tennis table is also available for members to use.

Financial Review

The bank balance as at 30th September 2024 stood at £20,509 and cash in hand was £520. Annually the club has made a small surplus of £227 without achieving any grant income. Annual membership fees were increased by £15 to £85 by vote of the members at the Annual General Meeting in October 2023.

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Reserve Policy and Financial Position

This financial position appears healthy but it must be seen in the context of a remaining urgent need for a substantial upgrade for the clubhouse toilets, kitchen and women's changing room. This cannot be achieved without significant (£110K) external funding which is being actively sought.

Plans for future periods

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Planning Permission has now been granted for the upgrade the clubhouse, the fabric of the oldest part of which has deteriorated badly. There is a need for larger changing rooms, better toilet facilities including a disabled toilet, better ventilation and a larger kitchen area. The upgrade will make the clubhouse more suitable for use by other community organisations, carpet bowling, table tennis and other indoor activities. The clubhouse has always been available for use by community groups and the club is dedicated to improving the facilities it is able to provide for the local community.

Planning permission has been achieved, after costly expenditure, from Northumberland County Council. The Council agreed that this permission would become permanent when work started on the upgrade and Building Control accepted that installation of a lower suspended and insulated ceiling would constitute the start of the work. The lowered ceiling was installed but Building Control then informed the Club that rules have changed and the planning permission now has only a guaranteed life of three years. We have been assured by our architect that this will be almost certainly extended for another three years when it is due to expire. However, we are taking advice on what other work could be commenced which would make the planning permission permanent.

The charity has some funds to contribute to the cost of clubhouse renewal but substantial grant funding will be needed to meet the total cost.

Structure, governance and management

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The Trustees have regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. They are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the Charity Commission requirements. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity, of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

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Exemptions from disclosure

None

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

None

Employees and Volunteers

My thanks also go to the Trustees; for their support, advice and voluntary work over the past year. The Trustees also thank the many member volunteers for their significant contribution to maintaining the bowling green, its precincts and the clubhouse which saves the charity considerable expenditure. Lastly, our thanks go to the match secretaries for organising and managing league matches, friendly matches, internal competitions and invitation tournaments.

The Trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report above,

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Wooler Bowling and Sports Club

Accounts for the Year Ending 30th September 2024

Income	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Subscriptions Received	3,545	
Fund raising	671	
Competitions	1,638	
Donations	407	
Other Income	595	
Sale of Stock items	399	
Grants	<u>0</u>	7255

Expenditure		
Subscriptions Paid	420	
Overheads	2,831	
Planning Application Expenses	1,345	
Competitions	1,400	
Property Repairs & Renewals	835	
Purchase of Stock items	197	
Equipment Purchases	<u>0</u>	7,028

Surplus for Year		<u><u>7,028</u></u>
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Opening Bank Balance		20,802
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Surplus for Year		227
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Closing Bank Balance		<u><u>21,029</u></u>
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Examiner's Report:

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2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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Signed:

Name: Mr R Turnbull

Address: 3 Clockhouse, Middleton, Belford, Northumberland NE70 7LG

Date: 12th March 2025

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Trustees report for the year ending 30th Sept 2023

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The charity provides facilities for members and visitors to play lawn green bowls in the summer season and Carpet Bowls and Table tennis in the winter closed season. The clubhouse is available for use by others by arrangement.

Achievements and Performance

The club currently has 58 fully paid up members and there are several regular visitors who play amongst themselves and pay visitor fees. Since Covid there has been a considerable reduction in friendly games, mainly due to cancellation by other clubs who can no longer get the numbers to make matches feasible. This has resulted in a reduction in the income generated by these home based games.

The North Northumberland Bowls League recommenced and the club performed reasonably well finishing 3rd in the rinks competition and 2nd in the triples.

During the season the club held social bowling sessions, at least, three times a week, 11 internal competitions, 15 league matches, 7 friendly matches, two open invitations competitions and provided the venue for the North Northumberland League Finals Day competition.

In the Northumberland County Competitions our members:

Victoria Symonds won the County Ladies 4 bowl singles, Maggie Peart and Jacqui Donnelly won County Senior Ladies Pairs, Brian Davidson and Jacqui Donnelly won County Mixed Pairs.

Ladies from the club represented both Northumberland and Wooler at Royal Leamington Spa National Championships.

Carpet Bowling and Table Tennis has been held regularly each week in the clubhouse throughout the closed winter season. Carpet bowls is particularly well attended. This allows members to continue to meet socially for healthy exercise when lawn bowling is not possible.

A generous donation from Cynthia and Larry Rackley has provided a contribution to the costs for the new Rackley Pavillion installed on the greenside providing viewing and changing facilities. This is an attractive addition to the premises and eases the burden on the delapidating part of the clubhouse. Cynthia Rackley has been appointed as the Safeguarding Officer and has completed the certificated training course.

Financial Review

The bank balance as at 30th September 2023 stood at £20,081 and cash in hand was £721. Annually the club runs at close to break-even but is predicted to start running at a loss (due to reduced income from less activity post Covid) without increasing member's fees and generating additional income.

WOOLER BOWLING AND SPORTS CLUB

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Plans for future periods

Planning Permission has now been granted for the upgrade the clubhouse, the fabric of the oldest part of which has deteriorated badly. There is a need for larger changing rooms, better toilet facilities including a disabled toilet, better ventilation and a larger kitchen area. The upgrade will make the clubhouse more suitable for use by other community organisations, indoor bowling, table tennis and other indoor activities. The clubhouse has always been available for use by community groups and the club is dedicated to improving the facilities it is able to provide for the local community.

The next stage is to gain Building Control approval from Northumberland County Council so that work may proceed. This process has begun.

The charity will have some funds to contribute to the cost of clubhouse renewal but grant funding is needed to meet the total cost. Advice from funding sources is that there is little possibility of getting the amount from one or two funders. The focus needs to be on getting several smaller amounts to make up the total necessary.

The charity is publicising the use of the clubhouse by other local groups as a way of gaining some income.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is managed by the Trustees. At the AGM each year the members elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Trustees may be nominated for election by any member and are elected or otherwise at the AGM. There is a committee which meets regularly; it includes the Trustees and other elected members to manage the day to day affairs of the club.

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Exemptions from disclosure

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Maurice Ward
Chair of Trustees

Wooler Bowling and Sports Club

Accounts for the Year Ending 30th September 2023

Income	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Subscriptions Received	3,075	
Fund raising	599	
Competitions	2,558	
Donations	3,269	
Other Income	269	
Sale of Stock items	223	
Grants	<u>0</u>	9,993

Expenditure		
Subscriptions Paid	496	
Overheads	2,825	
Planning Application Expenses	3,873	
Competitions	1,972	
Property Repairs & Renewals	5,825	
Purchase of Stock items	88	
Equipment Purchases	<u>8,981</u>	24,060

Surplus for Year 14,844

Opening Bank Balance 34,869

Deficit for Year (14,067)

Closing Bank Balance 20,802

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Name: Mr R Turnbull

Address: 3 Clockhouse, Middleton, Belford, Northumberland NE70 7LG

Date: 1st May 2024

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Trustees report for the year ending 30th Sept 2022

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Trustees Elected

Jacqui Donnelly 11.3.2020 J John Guthrie 11.3.2020 Victoria Symons 11.3.2020 Richard Henthorn 11.3.20
Maurice Ward 11.3.2020 Brian Davidson Co-opt 19.1.2021

Governing Document:

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Achievements and Performance

This is the first year free of Covid restrictions. Activity amongst club members playing at the club has reduced from pre-Covid levels though not significantly. There has been a considerable reduction both for our own and other clubs in the local area in the participation of members in friendly home/away matches. This has resulted in a reduction in the income generated by these games from raffles.

The North Northumberland Bowls League recommenced and the club performed reasonably well finishing in mid-table.

Equipment has been acquired for Carpet Bowling and Table Tennis for the use of members and the club now holds weekly sessions in the clubhouse throughout the winter months for these activities. This allows members to continue to meet socially for healthy exercise when lawn bowling is not possible.

Financial Review

The bank balance as at 30th September 2022 stood at £34,869

Reserve Policy and Financial Position

This financial position appears healthy but it must be seen in the context of a remaining urgent need for a substantial upgrade for the clubhouse toilets, kitchen and women's changing room. This cannot be achieved without significant (£130K) external funding and this is now being sought.

Plans for the Future

It is the intention to upgrade the clubhouse, the fabric of the oldest part of which is deteriorating rapidly. In particular larger changing rooms, better toilet facilities including a disabled toilet, better ventilation and a larger kitchen are required. The upgrade will make the clubhouse more suitable for use by other community organisations, indoor bowling, table tennis and other indoor activities. The clubhouse has always been available for use by community groups and the club is dedicated to improving the facilities it is able to provide for the local community.

It is anticipated that the charity will have some funds remaining after planning approval is obtained to contribute to the cost of clubhouse renewal but grant funding will be needed to meet the total cost. It is proving to be a frustratingly long and surprisingly expensive process to gain planning approval and this remains ongoing. Larger grants cannot be sought before planning permission is obtained.

Employees and Volunteers

My thanks also go to the Trustees; for their support, advice and voluntary work over the past year. The Trustees also thank the many member volunteers for their significant contribution to maintaining the bowling green, its precincts and the clubhouse which saves the charity considerable expenditure. Lastly, our thanks go to the match secretaries for organising and managing league matches, friendly matches, internal competitions and invitation tournaments.

The Trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report above,

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Maurice Ward

Chair of Trustees

Wooler Bowling and Sports Club

Accounts for the Year Ending 30th September 2022

Income	£	£
Subscriptions Received	2,758	
Fund raising	732	
Competitions	1,728	
Donations	14,246	
Other Income	560	
Sale of Stock items	289	
Grants	5,000	25,313

Expenditure		
Subscriptions Paid	498	
Overheads	1,920	
Planning Application Expenses	3,862	
Competitions	1,064	
Property Repairs & Renewals	2,613	
Purchase of Stock items	212	
Equipment Purchases	300	10,469

Surplus for Year 14,844

Opening Bank Balance 20,025

Surplus for Year 14,844

Closing Bank Balance 34,869

Examiner's Report:

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material in respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Signed: *R. Turnbull*

Name: Mr R Turnbull

Address: 3 Clockhouse, Middleton, Belford, Northumberland NE70 7LG

Date: 18th February 2023

Wooler Bowling and Sports Club

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WOOLER BOWLING AND SPORTS CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1188472

Accounts

WOOLER BOWLING AND SPORTS CLUB

Trustees report for the year ending 30th Sept 2021

Charity details: Registered charity number 1188472 Address: The Green, Weetwood Road, Wooler, NE71 6BH

Trustees Elected

Jacqui Donnelly 11.3.2020

John Guthrie 11.3.2020

Victoria Symons 11.3.2020

Richard Henthorn 11.3.2020

Nigel Moffatt 11.3.2020 (resigned)

Maurice Ward 11.3.2020

Brian Davidson Co-opt 19.1.2021

At the first AGM on 23rd October all Trustees resigned and were re-elected for a further term.

Governing Document:

Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees dated 11th March 2020

Charity's objects are:

To promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of, principally but not exclusively, the residents of North Northumberland and the Scottish Borders by the provision of facilities to participate in the sport of bowling and such other sports capable of promoting physical health and fitness as the trustees shall from time to time determine. (For the purposes of this clause "facilities" means land, buildings, equipment, and organising sporting activities).

Nothing in the constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Management

The Charity is managed by the Trustees. At the AGM each year the members elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Trustees may be nominated for election by any member and are elected or otherwise at the AGM.

Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees have regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. They are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the Charity Commission requirements. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity, of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that report accurately the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the finances are adequately and securely managed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Accounts are prepared on a monthly basis and submitted to trustees for inspection. One trustee with accounting knowledge is the nominated Treasurer with special responsibility for overseeing the accounting processes and procedures.

Achievements and Performance

Due to Covid 19 the banks from March 2020 were not accepting application for new Treasurers Accounts. The charity has recently managed to open a bank account and tested this for 2 authorisations needed for cash payments. A donation has been received from the Wooler Bowling Club of £20,025. As this was so close to the year end for both entities and activities have been severely restricted by Covid it was decided that full transfer of responsibilities will commence from 1st October 2021.

Financial Review

The bank balance as at 30th September 2021 stands at £20,025.

Reserve Policy and Financial Position

This financial appears healthy but it must be seen in the context of an urgent need for a substantial upgrade for the clubhouse toilets, kitchen and changing room. This cannot be achieved without external funding and this is now being sought.

Plans for the future

It is the intention to upgrade the clubhouse, the fabric of the oldest part of which is deteriorating rapidly. In particular larger changing rooms, better toilet facilities including a disabled toilet, better ventilation and a larger kitchen are required. The occurrence of Covid 19 emphasises the need for these improvements. Grant applications are more likely to succeed now that the Clubhouse and Green stewardship has been transferred to the charity by the erstwhile individual trustees. The upgrade will make the clubhouse more suitable for use by other community organisations, some indoor bowling and other indoor sports. It is anticipated that the charity will have some funds to contribute to the cost of clubhouse renewal but grant funding will be needed to meet the total cost.

Equipment has been acquired for Carpet Bowling and Table Tennis and the club will now be open throughout the winter for these activities. Two air purifiers have been acquired for use in the main hall.

The clubhouse is available for use by other community groups.

Employees and Volunteers

My thanks also go to the Trustees; for their support, advice and voluntary work over the past season. We also thanks the many member volunteers for their significant contribution to maintaining both the bowling green and surroundings, the clubhouse and kitchen, this saves considerable expenditure. Lastly, thanks to the match secretaries for organising and managing league, friendly and internal competitions.

The Trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report above,

signed on behalf of the Trustees.

Maurice Ward

President and Chair of Trustees



Receipts and payments account

For the period from	Period start date 1st Oct 2020	To
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Donation	20,100	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,100	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,100	-	-
A3 Payments			
Bank teat transfer	75	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	75	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	75	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,025	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1	-	29/12/2021

Cash funds this year end	20,025	-	-
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		20,025
		-
		-
	Total cash funds	20,025
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
	Cubhouse and Bowling Green	
B5 Liabilities CCXX R3 accounts (SS)	Details	Fund to which liability relates
	None	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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Period end date
30th Sept 2021



Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
20,100	-
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20,100	-

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20,025	-
-	-
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20,025	-
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Restricted funds

Endowment funds

to nearest £

to nearest £

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Restricted funds

Endowment funds

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