

Annual Report April 2024 to March 2025

Summary

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Background

Birtley Town Community Bowling Club (BTCBC) is a small charity offering local facilities for residents to socialize and come together to volunteer, watch and play bowls. It has operated at its current location for almost 120 years.

The charity maintains the facilities and bowling green on behalf of the wider local community and is recognised locally for the role they play. Whilst operating an open and inclusive policy where anyone can join and benefit from our facilities, the club predominantly helps many of Birtley's older residents by offering them a valuable and affordable outlet to maintain social contact, remain physically active and improve their mental and physical wellbeing.

There are no paid members of staff at the club. The trustees who help maintain and organise the club do so purely on a voluntary basis.

BTCBC is located on Durham Road at the north end of the town.

Activities

There are approximately sixty members at BTCBC. The season runs from April through to September. The facilities are used by both casual bowlers and those partaking in regional competitions.

In addition to weekly activities, the club held a number of events such as hosting friendlies with clubs outside of the leagues which we play in. This included a visit from Shottstown Bowling Club in Scotland. And the club was also the venue for the Regional Fire Brigade open day.

Leagues

The club plays in for leagues:

Monday Afternoon – Pelton Fell League

Monday Evening – Tens League

Tuesday Afternoon – N&D Vets League

Wednesday Evening – N&D League

Internal Competitions

There are a number of internal club competitions that are held throughout the season.

Four competitions are held that run for the whole season.

Four Wood Vets

Two Wood Vets

Four Wood - open to all members

Two Wood - open to all members

Six competitions are held as a one-day event.

Vets Pairs
Gatenby Cup
Bolam Vase
Oliver Cup
A Sort Shield
Club Pairs

Resources

The details of the income and expenditure are attached as appendix one.
A summary of all finance is attached as appendix two.

In summary the club has been very successful this year in raising funds from grant providers for which the club is extremely grateful for the support that it has received from the organisations. This has enabled the club to provide:

- Electric roller shutters to all windows and doors which has both improved security of the premises as well as reducing risk of injury from opening the old manual shutters.
- New kitchen facilities for the club house
- Automated sprinkler system for watering the green
- Purchase of ground maintenance equipment such as lawn mower

This work could not have been undertaken without the grant support.

The day-to-day costs for running the club and the maintenance costs are raised from membership fees and the activities such as sale of refreshments, domino cards/raffles and similar matters.

The club has an emergency reserve of £5,000.

The club for the financial period ending March 31st 2025 has a balance of

Conclusions

The club has had a successful year in both on and off field activities. The membership of the club remains relatively constant and provides friendship health and well being to its members.
The club has raised signification funds in terms of grants to help improve the facilities provide. It is hoped that this will in turn aid membership of the club.

Birtley Town Community Bowling Club

Receipts and Payments from April 1st 2024 to March 31st 2025

Receipts		Payments	
Membership Subscription Full 57 @ £50	£ 2,850.00	In Year Expenses	£ 4,244.00
In Year Grants	40,934.91	Grant work	1,910.00
General Income	2,503.16	Installation of electrics and lighting (grant funded)	8,739.69
		Installation of new Kitchen (grant funded)	8,374.00
		Installation of Roller Sutters (grant funded)	2,121.00
		Grantscape	
Total Income	46,288.07	Total Expenses	25,388.69

Designated/Reserves	£	Summary	£
Emergency Reserves	5,000.00	Balance Brought Forward – Bank	5,304.54
Community Foundation Grant (inc above under Receipts)	19,494.00	Emergency Reserve	5,000.00
Installation of Sprinkler System for the bowling green.		Cash	139.44
		Income	46,288.07
		Less Expenses	25,388.69
Total	24,494	Balance Carried Forward 31 st March 2025	31,343.36

Signed Johan Grieve.....
J Grieve - Treasurer

Signed I Bousfield.....
I Bousfield - Secretary

Accounts checked and correct
J LAWSON, BARCLAYS LENDING 1/2/26

Please note:

The Auditors comments are included on the accounts pages.

There were no items highlighted.

Ian Bousfield

Secretary

Birtley Town Community Bowling Club