

BOUGHTON & EASTWELL CRICKET CLUB

TRUSTEES REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD 01 NOVEMBER 2023 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

Registered Charity No. 1189809

BOUGHTON & EASTWELL CRICKET CLUB

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Boughton & Eastwell Cricket Club

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Boughton & Eastwell Cricket Club (B&ECC) for the period ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of B&ECC 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 B&ECC'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.

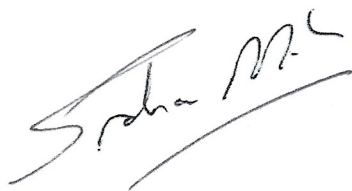
Independent Examiner's statement

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 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Masters', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Graham Masters FCCA
Honorary Independent Examiner
Nottingham NG3 2PY

19 March 2025



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	NOV	2023	To	31	OCT	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **BOUGHTON & EASTWELL CRICKET CLUB**

Other names charity is known by **B&ECC**

Registered charity number (if any) **1189809**

Charity's principal address **c/o P Mannering**

22 Springwood Drive

Ashford, Kent

TN23 3JL

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	David Gray	Chair		
2	Martin Clarke	Secretary	From 08/03/24	
3	Peter Mannering	Treasurer		
4	John Hopley			
5	Edward Schryver			
6	Craig Mannering			
7	Sarah Keaveney			
8	Ben Rolfe		Appointed 08/03/24	
9	Laurence Hughes	Secretary	01/11/23 to 08/03/24	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Safeguarding	Simon Richardson	26 Cherry Glebe, Mersham, Ashford, Kent TN25 6NL

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Unincorporated Charitable Association

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected from membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- relationship with any related parties.
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Cricket Club became a charity on 5 June 2020 but has been in existence since 1798.

Prior to June 2020 it was a Community Amateur Sports Club.

All new Trustees will be provided with copies of:

- The charity's constitution
- The latest accounts of the charity

and are encouraged to read Charity Commission guidance notes CC3 – "The Essential Trustee, what to know, what to do." In addition, all Trustees are encouraged to read Charity Commission and other newsletters designed to keep them abreast of their duties and responsibilities.

As part of following the aims of our constitution, we have adopted a range of policies and procedures specifically relevant to the organising and managing of cricket matches and training etc.

The Club has a legal duty of care towards all children at the Club, i.e. everyone under the age of 18. To minimise the risk of any harm or abuse to children, the Club has put in place relevant safeguarding policies, which ensures members with designated roles are appropriately checked and qualified and promotes a culture of safeguarding and best practice throughout its membership.

During 2024, the Club reviewed all its current safeguarding policies and updated them as necessary to bring them in line with latest guidance from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). This process continues in 2025.

All members having regular contact with children are required to undergo an enhanced criminal records check by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). This includes the Chairman, junior coaches and age group managers, captains and vice-captains, umpires. This information is now held on ECB's Safe Hands Management System database and the Club has been able to demonstrate that it is fully compliant. In addition to DBS checks, all coaches are required to complete an online Safeguarding Young Cricketers refresher course every three years.

As well as the commitment to safeguarding children, all clubs now have a duty of care to vulnerable adults. To this end, the Club has drawn up, and will implement, a Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable adults based on ECB guidance.

We have been awarded the ECB Clubmark, which shows that a club is sustainable, well run and provides the right environment for its members.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of amateur sport, by the promotion of the game of cricket, for the benefit of the residents of Boughton Aluph and the surrounding area.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Our raison d'être is the playing of the game of cricket on an amateur basis. This includes the promotion of the game, the coaching of those wishing to play and any ancillary activities associated with these including organising matches, managing, and maintaining the facilities and equipment required, maintaining links and affiliations with other, appropriate, organisations. Also, the supply of umpires, scorers and others that make each game go smoothly and the preparation and maintenance of the playing facilities and pitch.

Post Covid, we are now back to supplying teas, refreshments and kit on match days, the management of transport to away games and, also, the organising of regular social events, helping to maintain a friendly and welcoming atmosphere in the club.

We support and participate in local cricket leagues as well as maintaining long-standing mutually supportive relationships with other cricket clubs from the local area and around the county and beyond.

Fundraising is done to maintain, improve and upgrade the equipment and facilities.

In all these activities the Trustees have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

We organise cricket matches, practices, nets etc. for a number of teams which play home games at the pavilion that we manage and maintain on the beautiful village green at Boughton Aluph, a few miles North of Ashford in Kent.

We have volunteers involved in fund raising and continue to invest in a major project to replace our cricket pavilion. Fund raising has been affected since the pandemic with the availability of capital grants, e.g. from Sport England, and other donations, all highly impacted. This led to the need to look again at our plans and to re-submit our planning application, which has now been approved by Ashford Borough Council.

A project management team was appointed to oversee the project process of tenders/appointments/planning/etc. Plans have been approved, surveys completed as have other pre-cursors to a building project, resulting in the first stage being carried out which was the demolition of the old pavilion. The groundwork, including drilling the piling to support the new pavilion, has also been completed and construction of the shell of the new structure has started and should be completed by the end of March 2025.

Our colts section continued in positive fashion in 2024 with our selfless group of coaches guiding and developing children across 4 age groups: Under 9s, 11s, 13s and 16s. The latter 3 continued our traditional participation in the local hard ball leagues, with the Under 13s winning their league and the Under 16s coming a very close second in theirs.

2025 sees the introduction of some girls only coaching sessions, with a long-term view of providing girls only competitive cricket at some point in the future.

Every year the club helps the residents of Boughton Aluph to organise and run the Boughton Fayre, an annual event that attracts large crowds to the green in the summer.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We, again, managed, pretty much, a full season of cricket and the game, at Boughton & Eastwell CC, continues to thrive.

In 2024 the Sunday team had their first ever season in the competitive Kent County Village League, finishing in a respectable fifth place in Division Four East. We had some good wins over some strong sides, and some narrow losses including a loss by one run in a very exciting game at Tyler Hill. 2025 sees us remain in the same division and face a few of the same teams from last season as well as some newcomers (and familiar faces from over the years). The club is looking to push the 'competitive' league side to try and provide the senior players with a great environment to come and enjoy their cricket.

In addition, there were a number of friendlies played on a Sunday, often alongside a league match showing that there is plenty of availability giving us the option to play two games. This is mainly down to the excellent keenness of the club's junior players wanting to make that step up and enjoy senior cricket. In Sunday friendlies all junior players are encouraged and involved in the game, to give them the experience that they may need to push into the senior league team. But the main emphasis with the friendly XI is enjoyment, and there were plenty of good days had regardless of results.

Our Ground Staff volunteers have, again, excelled. Caring for the Village Green (Boughton Lees) and the playing area on it is one of the Club's greatest commitments, both in terms of its agreements with the Parish Council and to provide a quality environment for playing cricket. The Club has made considerable investments not just in monetary terms, acquiring and maintaining essential machinery, and, where required, paying outside contractors, but also in the time commitment from Club members.

The major expenditure on moss and weed control treatment and work from outside contractors with specialist equipment has been continued and the quality of the playing surface continues to improve.

Following the autumn renovation, essential care and maintenance of the square continues over the winter, involving initial watering to ensure germination of the seed, regular mowing to encourage dense growth, applications of winter fertiliser and soil conditioner; these operations will continue until pre-season work starts in the spring.

The playing season runs from mid-April to late September and, with matches for adults, Under-15s, Under-13s and Under-11s all taking place, plus practice pitches, the playing square is fully used. Preparation of pitches requires multiple operations of mowing, scarifying, watering and rolling, and it is a balancing act to carry out these tasks in a timely manner when adjacent pitches might be required for competitive games. Nevertheless, feedback from players during the season on the state of pitches has been generally positive.

We continue to have an excellent relationship with members of the local parish council, the local public house, various local businesses that sponsor us and the wider village community.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In addition to our General Fund, we have two additional funds -
The Building Fund is restricted to funding the new pavilion and funds are currently being raised for the estimated cost.
Thommo's Fund is a legacy left by a very dear friend of the Club and is restricted to expenditure that will benefit the players of any age

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The year to 31 October 2024 has continued to be a challenge for our Fund-Raising Committee but there have been several notable successes with some large donations, many, specifically, for our pavilion replacement project.
Last year's concerns about our outgoings have eased with the introduction of Friday Family Fun Nights, where soft ball cricket is played for all ages to enjoy, followed by a BBQ. This has helped the Trustees to decide, yet again, not to increase the cost of our subscriptions.

Section F

Other optional information


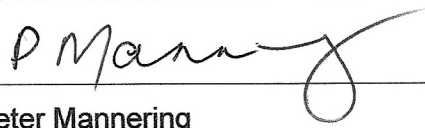
All our Trustees, fund raisers, coaches, groundspersons, team captains and other club officials are volunteers. We rely on, and are incredibly grateful for, the many hours of unpaid work that is done.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Gray	Peter Mannering
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee and Chair	Trustee and Treasurer

Date

19/03/25

BOUGHTON & EASTWELL CRICKET CLUB

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

	GENERAL FUND £	BUILDING FUND £	THOMMO'S FUND £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
RECEIPTS					
Member's subscriptions					
- Adults	1,380			1,380	1,930
- Colts	3,158			3,158	2,356
Member's subscriptions	4,538			4,538	4,286
Match fees	1,445			1,445	1,430
Indoor Nets	1,143			1,143	195
Friday Fun Nights/Match Day Refreshments	1,832			1,832	34
Teas	228			228	0
Colts Presentation Day	8			8	0
Presentation Evening	539			539	0
Donation - Machinery repairs	250			250	0
PLAYING RECEIPTS	9,982			9,982	5,945
PAYMENTS					
Teas	590			590	307
Repairs to machinery	848			848	1,490
Ground maintenance	2,814			2,814	4,291
Pavilion maintenance	176			176	711
Electricity & water	783			783	1,152
Insurance	1,567			1,567	2,571
Coaching courses & subscriptions	270			270	210
League Fees	335			335	110
Kent Playing Fields Association	55			55	25
Sundry Expenses	30			30	639
Trophies & engraving	524			524	299
Business Rates	22			22	21
Scorebooks	49			49	59
Colts Presentation Day	239			239	173
Indoor Nets	683			683	263
Member's subscriptions	17			17	0
SUMUP Transaction Charges	55			55	6
First Aid Course	140			140	0
First Aid Kits	44			44	0
Uninsured Losses	102			102	0
Presentation Evening	1,061			1,061	0
AGM 2023	106			106	0
Friday Fun Nights/Match Day Refreshments	621			621	0
Administration & Postage	0			0	3
Playing equipment & balls	0			0	873
Clothing	0			0	189
Kent Cricket Club	0			0	130
PLAYING PAYMENTS	11,128	0	0	11,128	13,521
NET PLAYING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(1,147)	0	0	(1,147)	(7,576)

	GENERAL FUND £	BUILDING FUND £	THOMMO'S FUND £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
OTHER RECEIPTS					
Vice Presidents' donations	165			165	135
Boughton Fayre	0			0	2,000
OTHER RECEIPTS TOTAL	165	0	0	165	2,135
NEW PAVILION RECEIPTS					
Fund Raising Committee		1,864		1,864	770
Personal Donations		17,320		17,320	610
Coaching Sessions		225		225	60
Interest Received		5,143		5,143	1,695
Ben Stokes Bat/Xmas Raffles		1,172		1,172	50
100 Club		2,290		2,290	1,175
Ashford Borough Council - Community Amenities Grant		10,000		10,000	0
Bernard Sunley Foundation		10,000		10,000	0
Edward Vinson Trust		20,000		20,000	0
Whitehead Monckton CF		750		750	0
Flying Horse Paddock Fayre		300		300	0
October24 Raffle		445		445	0
Sale of cedar tiles		200		200	0
Golf Day 06/10		760		760	0
Nancy Bateman Charitable Trust		0		0	25,000
Boughton Fayre		0		0	1,000
NEW PAVILION RECEIPTS	0	70,468	0	70,468	30,360
PAYMENTS					
JPD Architecture UK Limited		4,800		4,800	0
Costplan Services (South East) Limited		12,138		12,138	0
Harwood Building Control		720		720	0
Southern Cesspool Services		150		150	0
vkhp consuktiung limited		2,700		2,700	0
Soils Limited		4,652		4,652	0
L & B MEP Limited		2,400		2,400	0
KH Asbestos Investigations		600		600	0
Leaf Tree Services Inv No 3928		900		900	0
Container padlock keys		30		30	0
Fund Raising Committee		176		176	0
Golf Day 06/10		849		849	0
100 Club Prizes		1,200		1,200	0
NEW PAVILION PAYMENTS	0	31,315	0	31,315	0
NEW PAVILION SURPLUS	0	39,153	0	39,153	30,360
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	(982)	39,153	0	38,171	24,919
Balances b/fwd from 01 November 2023	8,441	145,311	16,244	169,996	145,077
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 OCTOBER 2024	£7,459	£184,465	£16,244	£208,168	£169,996

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

SUMMARY

	GENERAL FUND £	BUILDING FUND £	THOMMO'S FUND £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,147	70,468	0	80,615	38,440
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(11,128)	(31,315)	0	(42,444)	(13,521)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	(£982)	£39,153	0	£38,171	£24,919

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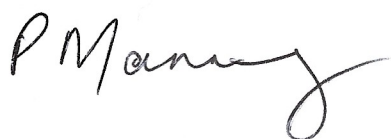
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTALS 2024 £	TOTALS 2023 £
CASH FUNDS				
Barclays Bank	7,459	18,791	26,250	94,537
Barclays Savings Account	0	20,204	20,204	0
Standard Chartered	0	85,000	85,000	0
UBL	0	76,714	76,714	0
Santander Bank	0	0	0	18
Cambridge & Counties Bank	0	0	0	75,442
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	<u>£7,459</u>	<u>£200,709</u>	<u>£208,168</u>	<u>£169,996</u>

	Funds to which asset belongs £	Cost £	Date of Purchase
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE			
Auto roller	Thommo's Fund	8,400	2020
Mobile net	Thommo's Fund	3,777	2021
Fridge/Freezer	Thommo's Fund	348	2022
New Pavilion - Costs to date	Building Fund	116,854	

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 19 March 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:



Peter Mannering
Treasurer



David Gray
Chair