

BRAINTREE RECREATION CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1193648

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-02-24

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BRAINTREE & BOCKING AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: The charity provides facilities for recreation and sports for use by the People of Braintree. This comprises sports fields, hard courts and Gym areas. The Charity currently hosts several local football teams, an armature boxing club and a martial arts club on a regular basis.

Classification

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

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£94,410	£134,197	-	-
2024-04-05	£143,352	£14,995	-	-
2023-04-05	£0	£0	-	-
2022-04-05	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
James Smith Farquhar	Chair	2022-04-25
Donna Farquhar		2021-02-18
Ian Mark Doughty		2024-11-07
Paul McQuillan		2021-02-18
SHAUN DEDMAN		2021-02-18
Steven Robert Thompson		2021-02-18

Accounts



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

06th April 2024

To

05th April 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Transfer from Braintree And Bocking Recreation Grounds	3,378	194	-	3,572	110,655
Rental Income	78,938	-	-	78,938	12,083
Sales	7,034	-	-	7,034	-
Interest Income	1,029	-	-	1,029	78
Grant Income - Community Garden Grant	-	3,837	-	3,837	20,536
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	90,379	4,031	-	94,410	143,352
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	90,379	4,031	-	94,410	143,352
A3 Payments					
Bank fees	25	-	-	25	-
Fuel	297	-	-	297	-
Letting Fees	6,034	-	-	6,034	1,148
Property Repairs and Maintenance	68,222	-	-	68,222	11,774
Cleaning	3,095	-	-	3,095	-
Telephone	150	-	-	150	-
Water Supply	670	-	-	670	-
Rates	1,772	-	-	1,772	13
General Expenses	88	-	-	88	-
Waste	1,045	-	-	1,045	-
Pitch Maintenance	12,617	-	-	12,617	-
Insurance	6,099	-	-	6,099	600
Electricity and Gas	2,288	-	-	2,288	336
Community Garden Expenses	-	11,430	-	11,430	-
Accountancy	3,606	-	-	3,606	-
Consulting	8,831	-	-	8,831	-
IT Software & Consumables	429	-	-	429	124
Sub total	115,267	11,430	-	126,697	13,995
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Plant & Machinery	7,500	-	-	7,500	1,000
Sub total	7,500	-	-	7,500	1,000
Total payments	122,767	11,430	-	134,197	14,995
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 32,388	- 7,399	-	- 39,787	128,357
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	117,735	10,622	-	128,357	-
Cash funds this year end	85,347	3,223	-	88,570	128,357

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Accounts	14,595	3,223	-
	Reserve Accounts	70,752	-	-
	Total cash funds	85,347	3,223	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Trade debtor balances	549	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Recreation Grounds & Squash Courts		-	-
	Braintree Foundation (St Michaels Road)		-	-
	The Lodge John Ray Street		-	-
	1 & 2 Foundation Cottages, St Michaels Road		-	-
	Leahurst, St Michaels Road		-	-
	2 John Ray Street		-	-
	8 John Ray Street		-	-
	93 Coggeshall Road		-	-
	99 Coggeshall Road		-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Water Bowser		-	-
	SISIS Quadraplay		-	-
	Tractor - John Deere		-	-
	Trimax Mower		-	-
	Pitch roller		-	-
	SISIS Tractor Mounted Mega Slit		-	-
	Brushcutter		-	-
	Ride On Mower		-	-
	Laptop		-	-
	Supaturf Line Marking Machine		-	-
	SISIS Sweeper		-	-
	2500 Litre Water Tank		-	-
	JFC Fuel Storage Tank		-	-
	Mower - P Tuckwell		-	-
	Brushcutter - P Tuckwell		-	-
	Hedgetrimmer - P Tuckwell		-	-
	Kombi Head		-	-
	Blower Attachment		-	-
	Pressure Washer		-	-
	Walk Behind Mower - P Tuckwell		-	-
	Fleming TR4 Tipping Trailer		-	-
	MT-01 Tractor Loaded		-	-
	Rotavator & Stone Burier		-	-
	Line Markers		-	-
	John Deere Garden Trailer		-	-
	New Oven		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Accountancy/Independent Examination fees	1156	-	
Trade creditor balances	1336	-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Steven Robert Thompson	21/01/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **06 April 2024** To **05 April 2025**

Charity name: **Braintree Recreation CIO**

Charity registration number: **1193648**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The aim of the Charity is "to provide public recreation opportunity for the resort and recreation of adults, children and youths through the provision of buildings, facilities and open space". The trustees of Braintree Recreation CIO seek to follow the Commission's guidance on public benefit and work with all Local organisations and groups who wish to make use of the facilities. The trustees strive to ensure maximum availability of the facilities and grounds to the widest possible section of general public in the Braintree area. In our activities we aim to promote the advancement of amateur sport and that of community and general health through the provision of recreational space and facilities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity's activities are outlined further within the 'Achievements and Performance' section.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	General recreation ground access The Grounds remain open to the public all year round (365 days) for general recreational use, and are regularly used for casual sports, jogging, walking, etc. The Charity received funding from Braintree District Council in the year for management and development of the community garden project. Sports The Braintree Boxing Club, Braintree Martial Arts Center (Aikido & Karate), and Braintree Youth Football, all based in the ground's facilities, have continued and all remain well supported. Allotments All allotments remain fully occupied and in good use. It has been good to see an area that was in need of restoration become a productive and attractive part of the recreation site. It is proving to be a great outdoor communal space, with a growing waiting list for available allotments.

		Braintree Town Fountain Restoration of the Fountain remains on hold, however it remains a popular area for people to sit and relax. We have changed the formal planted flower beds to wild flower zones which appear to work well.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The total funds of the Charity at the year-end amounted to £88,570. £3,223 of this balance is restricted, leaving available reserves of £85,347.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees reviewed the policy on reserves and, in the current financial year, the aim is to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds of no less than 2 months gross payments.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£88,570 (including restricted funds)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 24 Feb 2021
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation – the charity previously operated as a trust (Braintree and Bocking Recreation Grounds – charity number 301262). The charity received an order from the Charity Commission authorising the transfer of unrestricted assets dated 15 th October 2024. The activities and operations of the trust have now been transferred into this CIO.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	For good governance and accountability, a minimum of three trustees are required. Where there is a requirement for new trustees, these would be identified and appointed by resolution at a meeting of trustees at which there is a majority of the Trustees present.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	BRAINTREE RECREATION CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1193648
Charity's principal address	Hillside High Street Green Sible Hedingham Halstead CO9 3LH

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	Shaun Dedman			
2	Donna Farquhar			
3	Steven Robert Thompson			
4	James Smith Farquhar	Chair		
5	Paul McQuillan			
6	Ian Mark Doughty		Appointed 7 Nov 2024	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mark Pearson FCA	Lambert Chapman LLP, 3 Warners Mill, Silks Way, Braintree, Essex, CM7 3GB

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Steven Robert Thompson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	21/01/2026	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Braintree Recreation CIO

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5th April 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1193648

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

22/01/2026

Name:

Mark Pearson FCA

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

Address:

Lambert Chapman LLP, 3 Warners Mill, Silks Way, Braintree, Essex, CM7 3GB

Accounts



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	06th April 2023	To	05th April 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rents	12,083	-	-	12,083	-
Rental Income from Braintree District Council	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Allotment Fee	-	-	-	-	-
Wayleaves	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer from Braintree And Bocking Recreation Grounds	110,655	-	-	110,655	-
Interest Income	78	-	-	78	-
Grant Income - Community Garden Grant	-	20,536	-	20,536	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	122,816	20,536	-	143,352	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	122,816	20,536	-	143,352	-
A3 Payments					
Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
General Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	600	-	-	600	-
IT Software and Consumables	124	-	-	124	-
Legal and Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Letting Fees	1,148	-	-	1,148	-
Electricity and Gas	336	-	-	336	-
Property Repairs and Maintenance	1,860	9,914	-	11,774	-
Rates	13	-	-	13	-
Sub total	4,081	9,914	-	13,995	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Plant and Machinery	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Sub total	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Total payments	5,081	9,914	-	14,995	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	117,735	10,622	-	128,357	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	117,735	10,622	-	128,357	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Accounts	82,012	10,622	-
	Reserves Accounts	35,723	-	-
	Total cash funds	117,735	10,622	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Water Bowser		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

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

Details

Accountancy/Independent Examination fees

Fund to which liability relates

Unrestricted

Amount due (optional)

720

When due (optional)**Signature****Print Name**

S R Thompson

Date of approval

30/01/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Charity name: **Braintree Recreation CIO**

Charity registration number: **1193648**

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity's activities are outlined further within the 'Achievements and Performance' section.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
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Achievements and Performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	General recreation ground access The Grounds remain open to the public all year round (365 days) for general recreational use, and are regularly used for casual sports, jogging, walking, etc. The Charity received funding from Braintree District Council in the year for management and development of the community garden project. Sports The Braintree Boxing Club, Braintree Martial Arts Centre (Aikido & Karate), and Braintree Youth Football, all based in the ground's facilities, have continued and all remain well supported. Allotments All allotments remain fully occupied and in good use. It has been good to see an area that was in need of restoration become a productive and attractive part of the recreation site. It is proving to be a great outdoor communal space, with a growing waiting list for available allotments.

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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The total funds of the Charity at the year end is £128,357. £10,622 of this balance is restricted, leaving available reserves of £117,735.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees' reviewed the policy on reserves and, in the current financial year, the aim is to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds of no less than 2 months gross payments.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£128,357
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 24 Feb 2021
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation – the charity is currently transitioning from a charitable trust to a CIO. The charity has received an order from the Charity Commission authorising the transfer of unrestricted assets dated 15 th October 2024. Therefore, the final transfer of assets will occur in the next financial year.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	For good governance and accountability, a minimum of three trustees are required. Where there is a requirement for new trustees, these would be identified and appointed by resolution at a meeting of trustees at which there is a majority of the Trustees present.

Additional information (optional)

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Charity's principal address	Hillside High Street Green Sible Hedingham Halstead CO9 3LH

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	Shaun Dedman			
2	Donna Farquhar			
3	Steven Robert Thompson			
4	James Smith Farquhar			
5	Paul McQuillan			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Steven Robert Thompson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	30/01/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Braintree Recreation CIO

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5th April 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1193648

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05 April 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Lisa Greenwood

Date:

31-Jan-2025

Name:

Lisa Greenwood FCCA

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

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

Lambert Chapman LLP, 3 Warners Mill, Silks Way, Braintree,
Essex, CM7 3GB

Accounts

BRAINTREE RECREATION CIO
TRUSTEES' REPORT
2022-23

Registered Charity No: 1193648

Principal Address

Braintree & Bocking Recreation Grounds
John Ray Street
Braintree
Essex CM7 9DZ

Names of trustees & committee

Mr S Dedman – Trustee
Mr S R Thompson – Trustee
Mrs D Farquhar – Trustee
Mr P McQuillan – Trustee
Mr J S Farquhar – Trustee (Appointed 25/04/2022)

Professional Advisor's

Legal Advisor's:

Holmes & Hills Solicitors – Dale Chambers, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 6AJ

Bankers:

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Independent Examiner:

Lisa Greenwood FCCA, Lambert Chapman LLP, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors, 3 Warners Mill, Silks way, Braintree, Essex CM7 3GB

Governing Document

CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 24 Feb 2021

Management and governance arrangements

For good governance and accountability, a minimum of three trustees are required. Where there is a requirement for new trustees, these would be identified and appointed by resolution at a meeting of trustees at which there is a majority of the Trustees present. The trustees annually review the risks that the charity faces. The CIO is currently only shadowing the Braintree & Bocking Recreation Ground Trust until transfer of assets to the CIO can be completed.

Aims and Purposes

To provide public recreation opportunity for the resort and recreation of adults, children and youths. through the provision of buildings, facilities and open space” The trustees of Braintree Recreation CIO seek to follow the Commission’s guidance on public benefit and work with all Local organisations and groups who wish to make use of the facilities. The trustees strive to ensure maximum availability of the facilities and grounds to the widest possible section of general public in the Braintree area. In our activities we aim to promote the advancement of amateur sport and that of community and general health through the provision of recreational space and facilities. The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Summary of the main activities during the year

Braintree Recreation CIO continues the preparation work required to take on the role currently performed by Braintree and Bocking Recreation Ground Trust (BBRG). The BBRG Trustees after much deliberation, concluded that a different vehicle was required to hold the assets invested in the Trust and to take forward the aims and purposes that it had been set up to achieve and further develop the organisation. It was their conclusion that a CIO was the most suitable vehicle for this purpose.

It was the intent of the CIO to have completed the organisation structure, policies and strategies, within this financial year ready to merge the BBRG Trust into the CIO. However due to external factors that have restricted the availability of the CIO Trustees, this work is not complete and the aim is now to complete the outstanding tasks and effect the merger

of the two charities by the end of the next financial year.

As key members of the team are also the Trustees of the BBRG Trust we have been able to shadow the operations of the Trust which will be beneficial when the final hand over is completed.

Statement on the charity's policy on reserves

Until the assets are transferred from the BBRG trust to the CIO all finance remains with the BBRG Trust who's Trustees' have reviewed the policy on reserve and in the current financial year, the aim is to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds of no less than 2 months gross payments.

Based on 2021-22 payments the minimum reserve for 2022-23 has been set at £13,317.

We believe that this will ensure adequate provision for unforeseen circumstances. To date the Charity's reserves have remained well in excess of the desired level of funds but this will always remain under continued scrutiny.

Financial Review

The total funds of the BBRG Trust at the year end is £68,289. There are no restricted or designated funds and therefore the available reserves of the Charity is £68,289.

Accounts

As explained above all finance currently resides in the BBRG Trust and has been reported to the Charity Commission under their charity registration number 301262. To date no funds have passed to the CIO.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Thompson', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mr Robert Thompson – Trustee

Accounts

BRAINTREE RECREATION CIO
TRUSTEES' REPORT
2021-22

Registered Charity No: 1193648

Principal Address

Braintree & Bocking Recreation Grounds
John Ray Street
Braintree
Essex CM7 9DZ

Names of trustees & committee

Mr S Dedman – Trustee
Mr S R Thompson – Trustee
Mrs D Farquhar – Trustee
Mr P McQuillan – Trustee
Mr J S Farquhar – Trustee (Appointed 25/04/2022)

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Bankers:

TBA – Not yet appointed

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Summary of the main activities during the year

The CIO has been established in order to continue the work of the Braintree and Bocking Recreation Ground Trust (BBRG). The BBRG Trustees after much deliberation, concluded that a different vehicle was required to hold the assets invested in the Trust and to take forward the aims and purposes that it had been set up to achieve and further develop the organisation. It was their conclusion that a CIO was the most suitable vehicle for this purpose.

The intent of the CIO in this initial period is to establish the organisation structure, policies and strategies, prior to importing the assets of the BBRG Trust.

Our first year has been an uncertain year with the COVID-19 pandemic still in full swing. This has presented significant time issues in a lot of our personal and work lives restricting

the amount of time spent on projects and hampering the setup work considerably. We felt that from the start communication and transparency with the public were essential and have established and publicised our social media, email and website which are already proving popular as we engage with more and more people who use the grounds. We are hopeful that this will aid in find more volunteers to help us move forward, something I believe is needed for the organisation to achieve its full potential. Work on policies and strategy is still ongoing, something that we had planned to have completed within this first year. As key members of the team are also the Trustees of the BBRG Trust we have been able to shadow the operations of the Trust which will be beneficial when the final hand over is completed. The largest task that remains undone is the identification and preparation of the Trust assets to a level that we are confident in how we transfer them to the CIO. To achieve this we will require external legal advice and assistance.

Statement on the charity's policy on reserves

Until the assets are transferred from the BBRG trust to the CIO all finance remains with the BBRG Trust who's Trustees' have reviewed the policy on reserve and in the current financial year the aim, is to maintain a reserve balance of unrestricted funds of no less than £10,000. This is to ensure adequate provision for unforeseen expenditure. As at 05 April 2022, the charity had reserves of £58,317 which will allow it to continue for the foreseeable future and maintain the provision for unseen expenditure. The CIO concur with this policy

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



20/03/2023

Mr Robert Thompson – Trustee