

BUSHLEY CRICKET CLUB CIO

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



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1. INTRODUCTION

This is the Trustees report for Bushley Cricket Club Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the financial year 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023.

The registration number for the charity is 1195117

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

2.1. SUMMARY OF THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY AS SET OUT IN ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENT

SORP Ref - Paragraph 1.17

Bushley Cricket Club became a Registered Charity on 9 July 2021 having previously been an unincorporated association.

This Trustees report replaces the annual Chairman's Report and incorporates financial accounts from the Treasurer and has been produced in accordance with the Charity Commission statement of recommended practice (SORP)

Our charitable objects set out under the Association Model CIO are for the advancement of the amateur sport of cricket in Bushley and the surrounding areas for the public benefit by the provision of facilities for participation in the sport of cricket for men women and children.

2.2. 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

SORP Ref - Paragraph 1.17 and 1.19

Membership of the club is open to adults and children interested in learning and playing cricket.

The trustees oversee the day to day running of the club and seek the views of members (and parents in the case of minors) in deciding the activities to be run.

There is a child protection policy in place and the trustees subscribe to the ECB SafeHands Safeguarding Policy.

Criminal Records Bureau checks are carried out again in line with statutory requirements.

The cricket club includes a pavilion which is in need of replacement and various fundraising activities take place over the course of the year, including a cricket festival, a bluebell walk and various quiz and other themed nights. All funds raised from these activities are passed over to the Charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefit.

2.3. STATEMENT CONFIRMING WHETHER THE TRUSTEES HAVE HAD REGARD TO THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE CHARITY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC BENEFIT

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.18

All trustees have read and understand the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and this is referred to by the Trustees in considering activities at the club.

We have rolled out a series of cricket skills training sessions for free which are available to anyone interested in participating.

We welcome members to the club regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances.

We operate a low-level membership fee for all members (currently £30 for adults and £5 for Juniors) we also have some junior members on a low income where the club has waived their membership fee and donated equipment to them.

2.4. CONTRIBUTION MADE BY VOLUNTEERS

SORP Ref - Paragraph 1.38

All activities at the club are run by a mix of the trustees the wider club committee appointed under the CIO association model and a number of other volunteers all of which give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefit.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

3.1. 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.

SORP Ref - Paragraph 1.20

Bushley Cricket Club is committed to giving everyone the opportunity to give cricket a go and for seasoned players to continue playing.

We run free open practice sessions to anyone who is interested in playing cricket to help us to deliver on our mission, to grow cricket participation across all ages and abilities within our communities, benefiting the individuals taking part and our Cricket Clubs with a wider audience of potential players members and volunteers

Bushley Cricket Club's main activities to achieve its purposes are as follows:

1. Engagement across the local North Gloucestershire and South Worcestershire area to encourage adults, young people, and children in our community and wider area:
 - a. to learn the game through participation sessions
 - b. to enjoy regular fun opportunities and events
 - c. to actively participate in Cricket through training sessions, cricket festivals league matches and friendlies and other associated activities/events provided through Bushley Cricket Club.
2. Providing playing opportunities and helping with delivery for junior and women's cricket development for encouraging young players of any gender and women's cricket across the area.
3. Engagement to offer various opportunities for women to get involved in Cricket and to increase participation in Women's and Girl's Cricket

3.2. ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST OBJECTIVES SET

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.41

Delivering opportunities to play red ball and softball cricket through cricket festivals; league matches and friendlies using a variety of limited overs, pairs and other formats to encourage and increase wider participation and taking part in the women's' Worcestershire indoor cricket programme enabling us to play some cricket over the winter months.

3.3. PERFORMANCE OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AGAINST OBJECTIVES SET

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.41

We are continuing our fundraising activities; however, these are limited to a degree with the delays we have experienced in getting in place a new lease which will make us eligible to apply for various grant funding opportunities. We have continued with a series of events which have enabled us to continue to raise funds.

3.4. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE AGAINST OBJECTIVES

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.41

We currently hold funds on account. Mostly of which will be required for the pavilion rebuilt anticipated in the next 18 months.

3.5. SECTION NOTE

We are entirely grateful for the many hours our volunteers, (including trustee and member volunteers but also members of the wider community, have spent contributing and helping Bushley Cricket Club) We couldn't operate without this support as all time is given voluntarily and there are no paid roles.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

4.1. REVIEW OF THE CHARITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.21

We are holding funds at present which represent our savings to date for the new pavilion together with a contingency fund.

4.2. STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE POLICY FOR HOLDING RESERVES STATING WHY THEY ARE HELD

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.22

Bushley Cricket Club's funds are unrestricted.

There is no formal reserves policy however we retain a balance (usually of around £6K) is held to ensure our outgoings are met and to deal with any unexpected expenditure.

Bushley Cricket Club is dependent on its own resources but does apply for, and receive, some ad-hoc grant funding.

Currently we are holding moderate sums which have been raised to fund a new pavilion, as the current one constructed in the 1960s is now at the end of its life. We have and continue to raise funds to enable the construction of a new pavilion to ensure we have suitable facilities to help with the continuation of the club, the ability to be self-supporting so as to enable our objects regarding the furtherance of participation in cricket.

4.3. AMOUNT OF RESERVES HELD

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.22

Unrestricted funds but usually allocated around £6K

4.4. THE CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF FUNDS (INCLUDING ANY FUNDRAISING)

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.47

Bushley Cricket Club is largely self-supporting and raises money through membership, match fees and fundraising events held throughout the year.

4.5. INVESTMENT POLICY AND OBJECTIVES INCLUDING ANY SOCIAL INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTED

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.46

We are currently still saving for a new pavilion and hope to raise additional grant funding once we have secured a formal leasehold interest in the site which is still being negotiated with our landlord. Our hope and anticipation is that this agreement will be completed during first calendar quarter of 2025.

4.6. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL RISKS FACING THE CHARITY

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.46

As the club is self-supporting, we rely on members, players and the wider community for support. In the past year we have improved our membership numbers in turn has enabled us to offer more playing opportunities, however we are always at the risk of not having sufficient playing members to enable us to fully participate in matches.

5. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

5.1. TYPE OF GOVERNING DOCUMENT (TRUST DEED, ROYAL CHARTER)

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.51

CIO model constitution

5.2. HOW IS THE CHARITY CONSTITUTED? (E.G UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, CIO)

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.51

CIO (association model)

5.3. 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

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.51

Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated their agreement to become a member and accept the members duties under the constitution

Annually (at the AGM) one third of the charity trustees shall retire from office and their positions can be filled by the decision of the members at the AGM.

Any member may apply to be a trustee provided that they are 16 years of age (or over) and are prepared to hold office as a charity trustee. They should be supplied with details of the constitution trustees reports and annual accounts.

The maximum number of charity trustees is 12, however where there are less than 12 trustees after the AGM the members or the trustees can agree to appoint a new charity trustee.

5.4. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.51

A resolution is passed by the existing trustees to deal with any new appointment.

Every trustee is supplied with

- the charity commission guidance on roles and duties of trustees and public benefit
- details of the SafeHands safeguarding policy
- details of the CIO constitution; trustees reports and annual accounts.

They are given the opportunity to raise any questions and are required to sign a declaration that they understand and are comfortable with the details of and implication of trustee duties before being appointed.

5.5. THE CHARITY'S ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND ANY WIDER NETWORK WITH WHICH THE CHARITY WORKS

SORP Ref – Paragraph 1.51

Bushley Cricket Club is an association model CIO with members and trustees. We are also hugely dependent on the wider community of volunteers whose time support and work enable the Charity to function



6. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

6.1. CHARITY NAME

Bushley Cricket Club

6.2. REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1195117

6.3. CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Briarways, The Rampings, Longdon, Tewkesbury, GL20 6AL

7. OFFICE AND NAMES OF TRUSTEES AND ACTIVE PERIOD

7.1. CHAIRMAN

Owen Evans - Active in role throughout year

7.2. SECRETARY

Michael Perry - Active in role throughout year

7.3. TREASURER

Sally McFadden - Active in role throughout year

7.4. OTHER TRUSTEES

Gyongyi Keen - Active in role throughout year

James McGhee – Active in role throughout year

Stuart William McGhee - Active in role throughout year

Timothy Robert Perry - Active in role throughout year

Robert Woodward - Active in role throughout year

8. CHAIRMANS REMARKS FROM 2023 AGM

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORT OF CRICKET IN BUSHLEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT OF CRICKET.

I once again reflect upon the mission statement of the Charity, particularly as we look back upon the last year and the progress we have made.

As we close 2024 we can reflect upon a year that has seen an ever more popular and revitalised men's team playing games on both Sundays and Wednesdays throughout the season with a call for more games next year from both opposition and our own players. A particular delight is the support that the team have seen from family and villagers during the games, making the club really feel a valued and core part of the local community again.

We have players who live in the village, players who grew up in the village, players who have lived locally or been involved in the club before, as well as players new to the team through friendships and contacts made, showcasing the success of the team.

When considering the games we played this year, often the team would comment that "that's the nicest team we've played", each week reflecting upon a great game – win or lose – because of the spirit in which it was played. There are a number of highlights that will no doubt be discussed and recalled at the forthcoming presentation evening, but my personal favourite was when we were caught one short away at Peopleton, Greg Johnson bought along (perhaps somewhat begrudgingly) his youngest son, Geroge. Considering his elder brother Alfie was the club's leading wicket taker at the time, there was a certain amount of sibling pride that was at stake. After posting a modest total, with a career best batting performance from Jahmal, we took to the field. Mid-way through the innings George was called up to bowl. Although a keen cricketer himself, having only ever played at age group level, George was used to playing on, and bowling, 17-yard wickets, and not 22. The opposition captain graciously and quickly marked out a revised popping crease for George, he bowled superbly well and on pure merit (not due to opposition batters holding back) he finished the game with figures of 5-2-12-2! It wasn't just the efforts of the opposition team that made George feel welcome, but also and specifically their captain, running off the pitch at the end of the game to inscribe George's initials, figures and date into the match ball, before presenting it to him after the game; that made all those present appreciate they really are playing the right brand of cricket, representing the village and the club with distinction, and drawing the best from their opposition.

The annual six-a-side competition was a modest success this year, perhaps suffering from clashes with other events locally, and the fatigue of repetition meaning that it was perhaps not as well attended as it had been previously. A reduced 4 team event this year was well competed, but the highlight was certainly the impromptu youth pairs game that was conducted part way through the competition, which all youngsters reportedly enjoyed very much, and reminds us that the future of the club and the advancement of Cricket within the community, and particularly with youngsters, is a core part of what we do.

The culmination of the year's activities saw the men's team playing 16 games, with the addition of a number of organised non-recorded games, with 10 victories, 5 defeats and one abandoned game.

Last year I reported that "sadly, the Women's team is not quite at the same point the men's team was at the time". The same may be true this year in some respects, but for differing reasons. The women's team managed to arrange and play a number of fixtures towards the end of the season, and at times saw good attendance to training sessions, but without a firm fixture card saw varying commitment from players often with people being booked for other things. Something to consider this evening is the future of the women's team, and how we can maximise the commitment of the players involved so as to not waste the efforts of those organising events such as matches and training end ensuring they are well attended and supported, and that the women's team can see a return to a full season of fixtures, possibly including league and friendly fixtures with both hard- and soft-balls.

However, I still maintain that, looking ahead to 2025 there is a good deal of light for the team, or potentially teams, with fixtures already being considered now which will only help drive focus from players. As always the team has the full support of the trustees and club management committee to help drive the team forward.

Beyond activities on the pitch focus is being maintained across other key areas of club life, especially focussed around the lease and plans for the new pavilion. As we hold our AGM here it is the same week our landlord has a trustees AGM. As I am now, the agents and key stakeholders at the estate are reporting that we are almost in a position to move forward and sign the lease.

On our part we are making a revised undertaking to our solicitors, to account for the increased costs of the estate's agents and solicitors. That was received today and we are in the process of making this undertaking. On the part of our landlord they are clarifying the remaining queries we had regarding the survey and current maintained estate of the trees that fall within our boundary. It is not expected that either activity will take much further time, and therefore this evening I will be seeking approval from the assembled trustees to sign, on their behalf, a lease to guarantee the residence of the club on these lands for a further 20 years.

So, as we reflect back upon our mission statement once again:

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORT OF CRICKET IN BUSHLEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT OF CRICKET.

We realise there is more we can do as a board of trustees, we know the challenges we face, and have plans to deal with them. However, we can also look reflect upon a club that is fostering an atmosphere of togetherness, community and opportunity whilst providing facilities for members of all experiences, backgrounds and abilities to, hopefully, enjoy cricket in the village once again.

So, what is top of mind as we look to 2025?

1. As just mentioned, the signing of the lease.
2. Completion of plans for the new pavilion and submission to the planning board.
3. Arrangement for nets at Bredon School once again, hopefully to start in the new year for both men's and women's teams.
4. An even more complete and full calendar of men's fixtures for 2025.
5. A more complete calendar of women's fixtures for 2025, potentially with games across multiple disciplines and formats.
6. The potential transformation of our annual six-a-side competition into a cricket week!
7. Other new fundraising, social and participation events to foster the spirit of the community within the club.

Beyond these 7 points, looking to the future to fund-raise for the build of a new pavilion.

9. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Bushey Cricket Club Annual Accounts at 30th June 2024

9.1. INCOME

INCOME	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Subscriptions	£475.00	£405.00
Nets	£0.00	£0.00
Match fees/teas	£606.00	£688.00
Interest	£127.07	£48.17
Fundraising events	£295.00	£0.00
Donations/Grant	£534.00	£200.00
Hire of Pavilion/Pitch/Marquees	£250.00	£200.00
Transfer from Bar Account/bar tabs/events	£0.00	£0.00
Covid recovery grants	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£4,017.88	£150.00
Other Crowdfunder income	£0.00	£0.00
Bushley CC trading company surplus	£0.00	£2,257.72
TOTAL INCOME	£6,304.95	£3,948.89

9.2. EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Insurance	£1,078.01	£841.69
Bank account charges	£60.40	£62.80
Water & Rates	£114.08	£58.65
Electricity	£2,366.36	£2,165.00
Petrol	£0.00	£0.00
Machinery	£1,725.00	£1,739.92
Seed, Fertiliser, loam etc	£1,090.20	£494.45
Pavilion Maintenance/equipment purchases	£150.00	£300.00
Cricket Equipment	£200.00	£0.00
Nets	£0.00	£0.00
Trophies	£0.00	£0.00
Coaching Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
Fundraising Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
Licences/Advertising	£0.00	£0.00
Affiliation fees	£0.00	£0.00
Pavillion project fees	£4,814.40	£0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£11,598.45	£5,662.51

9.3. ANNUAL SUMMARY

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
CREDITORS	£358.73	
DEBTORS	£0.00	
CIO SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	-£5,652.23	-£1,713.62
BAR SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	£4,632.86	
GROUP SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	-£1,019.37	
CIO Bank Balance - savings account	£6,840.06	£6,712.99
CIO Bank Balance - current account	£60,295.39	£58,724.11
Total CIO Funds	£67,135.45	£65,437.10
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BAR ACCOUNT END OF YEAR	£3,580.48	£6,298.20
TOTAL GROUP FUNDS	£70,715.93	£71,735.30
MOVEMENT DURING THE YEAR	-£1,019.37	

10. DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:



Full Name: Owen Patrick Lewis Evans

Position: Chair

Date: 11/02/2025

Signature:



Full Name: Mike Perry

Position: Secretary

Date: 11/02/2025