

GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1195169

Details

Other names FORMERLY GOXHILL MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-07-14

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

Contact

Address Goxhill Bowling Green
Manor Lane
Goxhill
North Lincolnshire
DN19 7LB

Phone 01469530363

Website <https://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com/>

Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION BY THE INHABITANTS OF GOXHILL AND THE NEIGHBOURING AREA THROUGH PROVIDING A GREEN AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR BOWLING.

Activities: Promotion of healthy recreation through amateur sport for the inhabitants of Goxhill and the neighbouring area by providing a green and other facilities for bowling. The club provides a bowling green, all equipment necessary for maintaining it, a pavilion and all of the shared equipment necessary for playing bowls matches. Membership allows bowling socially as well as participation in leagues.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- North Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£15,724	£17,449	-	-
2024-10-31	£8,505	£9,545	-	-
2023-10-31	£10,214	£15,804	-	-
2022-10-31	£9,617	£12,616	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Guggiari	Chair	2021-07-04
Anthony William Hebblewhite		2021-07-04
Christine Margaret Ellis		2021-07-04
Peter Cox		2022-11-09
Stewart Graham Smith		2025-01-28

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 October 2025

Charity registration number	1195169
Trustees (<i>currently & for the whole period unless shown otherwise</i>)	Peter TK Cox Christine M Ellis John Guggiari Anthony W Hebblewhite
<i>Trustee from 28/01/2025</i>	Stewart G Smith
<i>Trustee until 28/01/2025</i>	Irene EM Ballam
Address	Goxhill Bowling Green Manor Lane, Goxhill, North Lincolnshire DN19 7LB
Telephone	01469-530363
Website	https://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com/
Banker	Barclays Bank plc

The Trustees submit their annual report and financial statements covering the year ending 31 October 2025. Goxhill Bowling Club ('the Club') is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Objects

The objects of Goxhill Bowling Club CIO ('the Charity') are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the inhabitants of Goxhill and the neighbouring area through providing a green and other facilities for bowling.

Review of activities during the period

After the success of 2024's bowls tasters for pupils of Baysgarth Secondary School, we arranged a repeat event that was similarly well-received. This consisted again of several consecutive hour-long sessions across a morning. Nevertheless, whilst this is an effective means of promoting bowling, we cannot realistically view it as likely to recruit junior members without the support of adults in their families. We considered the viability of running some after school hours or weekend roll-ups - aimed at young people accompanied by their parents or grandparents - but lacked volunteers available to run them.

Our usual Tuesday afternoon bowls drives, open for anyone to attend on a pay-as-you-go basis, ran throughout the summer season thanks to Club volunteers running them. These drives provide a pleasant, sociable way for new and existing bowlers to mix and develop, as well as being a shop window for our Club and our green. They continue to be both an effective recruitment tool and a contributor to our funds.

We have continued to invest in our bowling green, including renovation and fertilizer treatments, although this is becoming increasingly unaffordable. But a good quality green undeniably helps ensure that bowling is as enjoyable as possible for both newcomers and experienced players so it must remain high on our list of priorities. However, more important even than the level of expenditure is the voluntary labour of our 'Green Team' who generously commit their time to the many tasks needed to keep the green, and the whole Manor Lane site, at their best.

We converted to a charitable incorporated organization in 2021 primarily to become a legal entity able to hold a lease in the Charity's name rather than via custodian trustees. After several false starts, at long last a twenty years lease was completed early in 2025. This followed protracted exchanges between the Charity Commission and our landlord, the charity Goxhill Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground, to whom we are very grateful for their perseverance on our behalf.

Our biggest sources of regular income remained membership subscriptions at £1,860 and match fees. Unfortunately, financial pressures on local businesses seem to have been the reason why almost half of our advertizers did not renew their boards and that source of income fell to £600 from £1,250 in 2024. We can only hope that there might be an upturn in both the national and local economies with advertizing income returning to us. With all areas of expense increasing, we have again run a deficit, despite increasing

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membership fees. When the opportunity came this year to obtain an almost 90% grant for the purchase of a new mower for the bowling green, we were happy to invest £1.1K from our reserves. Thanks to the Community Grant scheme of North Lincolnshire Council, we now have a high-quality mower that will reduce our maintenance and repair costs and at the same time last us for many years.

Having considered the Charity's reserves at the end of the year, the Trustees are satisfied that, even in their much-diminished state, they remain just sufficient to cover essential running costs along with a modest contingency fund. However, we are seeking ways to improve our income through reviving past income streams, like the advertizing boards, and identifying potential new sources of revenue.

At sporting level, we thank our league captains who, on occasions last season, had a difficult job ensuring that we were able to put out full teams to honour our league match commitments. In results we were mostly around the middle of the league tables: 2nd of 6 teams in the Barnetby & District Bowling League; 4th of 10 teams in the Scunthorpe & District Bowls League's First Division; 5th of 7 teams in the Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Bowling Association's Premier Division; and 6th of 9 teams in the North Lincolnshire Bowls Triples Leagues' Mixed First Division. We had no real cup success, even having to concede once because of insurmountable fixture clashes. Whilst fun and enjoyment of the personal challenges of the sport are the normal route that individuals come to bowls, the majority like to progress to league bowling once they have mastered the basics. Therefore, we will stay in all four leagues in order to provide plentiful playing opportunities and hopefully we will be able to achieve greater success in 2026. Not only does the publicity of success helps attract new members, it undeniably helps retain those single-minded bowlers for whom bowling is primarily about honours and trophies.

The Trustees wish to record their gratitude to the many volunteers who help the Charity and Club achieve success through their selfless commitment and enthusiasm. We rely on everyone who helps whether it is through fundraising, greenkeeping, community activity, running gala days & competitions, team selections, match arrangements, and all the many administrative tasks that help us achieve our objectives.

Management and responsibilities

The Trustees collectively administer the charity. Trustees must be Members of the charity and are elected at its Annual General Meeting with one-third of them retiring at each AGM but eligible for re-election. Additional Trustees to fill vacancies may be co-opted during the year until a maximum of nine trustees are in post. Names of all current Trustees, along with those who served in that capacity during the year, appear on page 1 of this report.

The Trustees recognize their collective responsibility for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements each year. The appended financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis, with the resulting report included as part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 8th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

John Guggiari

Goxhill Bowling Club CIO

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31 October 2025

Receipts	Note	2024/25 £p	2023/24 £p
Fundraising			
Raffles & Cards		202.00	186.00
Refreshments		128.75	206.40
Bowls drives		466.00	364.00
Pavilion use	1	410.00	275.00
Advert boards	2	600.00	1,250.00
Grants	3	9,500.00	1,790.00
Donations		111.50	122.00
Club Member Fees			
Subscriptions		1,860.00	1,610.00
Match fees		1,450.00	1,684.00
Ind.Comp entries		98.25	189.50
Tournament Fees			
Open		480.00	315.00
Club		131.00	103.25
Other		43.00	-
Other			
Club & League dinners		180.00	249.00
Club shirts		33.50	114.00
Sundry receipts		30.00	46.48
Suspense		-	-
		<u>15,724.00</u>	<u>8,504.63</u>

Payments**Club Member fees**

County & League affiliations		389.00	391.00
Match travel		939.50	1,628.50
Ind.Comp entries		98.25	189.50

Prizes & Trophies

Open prizes & engraving		224.50	184.00
Club trophy engraving		-	87.50

Repairs & Maintenance

Mowers & green equipment		660.78	558.00
Sprinkler irrigation system		200.00	-
Sheds R&M		-	-
Pavilion		9.00	1,557.33
Other R&M		576.19	78.76
New fixed assets	4	10,849.96	314.97

Green Maintenance

Fertilizer & seed	5	-	1,053.00
Petrol & oil		93.24	155.96
Contract services	5	-	1,176.00

Other recurring costs

Electricity	6	509.02	449.22
Water		497.22	249.76
Insurance	7	557.09	403.09
Green waste collection		836.40	140.80

Donations

GMH		-	250.00
In memorium		20.00	30.00
Other		-	60.00

Administrative

Post & stationery		33.49	78.22
Club shirts for stock		-	271.26
Club & League dinners		110.00	181.85
Lease legal fees	8	723.40	-
Sundry payments		121.94	55.78
Suspense		-	-

	<u>17,448.98</u>	<u>9,544.50</u>
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Net surplus (deficit)

	(1,724.98)	(1,039.87)
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b/f cash & bank balances

	4,081.17	5,121.04
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c/f cash & bank balances

	<u>2,356.19</u>	<u>4,081.17</u>
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comprising

Returnable deposits		(60.00)	(60.00)
Cash TH		1,230.47	184.56
Cash JG		12.24	36.79
Barclays Bank		1,173.48	3,919.82
		<u>2,356.19</u>	<u>4,081.17</u>

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 October 2025

		31-Oct-25	30-Oct-24
Cash funds		£	£
Barclays current account		1,173.48	3,919.82
Petty cash		1,242.71	221.35
less returnable key deposits		(60.00)	(60.00)
		<u>2,356.19</u>	<u>4,081.17</u>
Assets retained for own use	1	£	£
Buildings			
Club Pavilion	2	133,320	133,320
Storage container	3	2,500	2,500
Shed (old pavilion)	5	6,000	6,000
Visitors chalet		4,440	4,440
		<u>146,260</u>	<u>146,260</u>
Maintenance equipment			
Dennis FT610 mower c/w 10 blade cassette		8,610	-
Dennis D110TT verticutter cassette		1,998	-
Allett Tournament 24 mower	6	1,000	7,000
Atco Royale (winter mower)	6	1,000	1,500
Mountfield ride-on mower		1,112	1,112
Viking mower		399	399
Sprinkler system	5	5,000	5,000
Strimmers x2	4	450	450
Stihl hedgetrimmer (long-reach, battery)		385	385
Hedgecutter (petrol)		200	200
Stihl blower (petrol)		250	250
Allett spiker attachment	5	200	200
John Deere scarifier att.	5	200	200
Cobra scarifier	5	300	300
Drag brush		186	186
Air compressor		108	108
		<u>21,398</u>	<u>17,290</u>
Other			
Bowling green	7	25,000	25,000
Fencing		2,900	2,900
Electric fencing		416	416
Bowling equipment	5	1,264	1,160
Trophies	5	500	500
Junior Ace bowls (3 sets)		385	385
Pavilion kitchen fixtures		3,950	3,950
CCTV		175	175
Trophy cabinet		242	-
Pavilion shelving		165	165
Stock of shirts: 16 new & 7 pre-owned		377	410
		<u>35,374</u>	<u>35,061</u>
		<u>203,032</u>	<u>198,611</u>

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 October 2024

Charity registration number	1195169
Trustees (<i>currently & for the whole period unless shown otherwise</i>)	Irene EM Ballam Peter TK Cox Christine M Ellis John Guggiari Anthony W Hebblewhite Harold S Dixon
	<i>Trustee until 27/02/2024</i>
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Objects

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Review of activities during the period

At the end of the 2023 season the average age for our full membership was 70 years. Despite recruitment to full membership of some slightly younger newcomers, at the end of the 2024 season the average age was virtually unchanged - our existing players having reluctantly aged another year. This is not just an image problem as it seems evening league matches constitute a real barrier to recruitment from the working-age population.

This year we engaged with Baysgarth Secondary School to organize bowls tasters for some of their pupils. Whilst bad weather intervened for the original dates chosen, we eventually ran five consecutive hour-long sessions across a morning and early afternoon in July. The school's Head of PE was certainly pleased with how it went and an overwhelming majority of pupils clearly engaged with us and enjoyed themselves. A repetition in 2025 would seem both feasible and desirable as a means of promoting bowling although we cannot realistically view it as likely to recruit junior members without the support of adults in their families. Possibly some after school hours roll-ups aimed at young people accompanied by their parents or, more likely, grandparents would be worth experimenting with in 2025.

Weekly Tuesday afternoon bowls drives, open for anyone to attend on a pay-as-you-go basis, ran throughout the summer season. These provide a pleasant, sociable way for new and existing bowlers to mix and develop, as well as being a shop window for our Club and our facilities. At the same time the bowls drives also contributed financially over £360.

We continue to invest in our bowling green, including renovation and fertilizer treatments, in the firm belief that a good quality green is part of making bowling enjoyable for both newcomers and experienced players. But none of that expenditure would count without the voluntary work of our 'Green Team' who generously commit their time to the many tasks needed to keep the green, and the whole Manor Lane site, at their best.

In last year's report we committed to putting extra effort into being demonstrably more equitable about providing league and cup playing opportunities. We are grateful to the four

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league captains who have worked together to ensure that and done so without unduly compromising our competitive profile as a local club. In league terms we were: runners-up in the Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Bowling Association's Premier Division; mid-table for our first season in the Scunthorpe & District Bowls League First Division after promotion in 2023; champions of the North Lincolnshire Bowls Triples Leagues' Mixed Second Division; and runners-up in the Barnetby & District Bowling League. Whilst we had just one cup success, it was for a prestigious Humberside trophy – the Markham Cup – which we last won in 1993. It will remain one of our objectives for 2025 to maintain our Club's sporting profile and success as these undoubtedly help to encourage new members and retain existing members who are serious about their bowling.

When our Club became a charitable incorporated organization in 2021 it was primarily to make it a legal entity able to hold a lease in the Charity's name rather than via custodian trustees. To date occupation of the site at Manor Lane has been by 'custom and practice' since the 1950s, rather than anything formally documented, meaning that the existing tenancy is legally fragile. Following protracted email exchanges with the Charity Commission, our landlord, registered charity Goxhill Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground, received permission in September 2024 to issue a lease so resolution seems imminent.

Having undertaken comprehensive renovation to the pavilion interior last year, it was to be hoped that expenditure this year would be purely for routine maintenance. Unfortunately, our latest Electrical Installation Condition Report identified several issues requiring remedial work that, whilst nothing major, was nevertheless expensive.

Our largest source of income was membership subscriptions at £1.6K closely followed by £1.2K fees for advertising boards taken out by local businesses who we thank for their loyalty. Once again, we are grateful to Blakemore Foundation for their grants: £400 in all.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's reserves at the end of the year remain sufficient to cover anticipated legal fees when the lease is enacted, replacement of older machinery, routine maintenance of the buildings/equipment and a cushion against the unexpected. However, we recognize the need to be vigilant about our expenditure with prices rising all the time. The Trustees will continue to monitor reserve levels to ensure that funding streams are sufficient for the Charity's future needs and will seek grants where possible for any major one-off expenditure.

The Trustees are grateful to all the volunteers who help the Charity and Club achieve success with their selfless commitment and enthusiasm. As well as the aforementioned Green Team, we rely on everyone who helps whether it is through fundraising, community activity, running gala days & competitions, team selections & match arrangements or any of the many administrative tasks necessary to achieve our objectives.

Management and responsibilities

The Trustees collectively administer the charity. The Trustees, who must be Members of the charity, are elected at its Annual General Meeting with one-third of them retiring at each AGM but eligible for re-election. Further Trustees to fill vacancies may be co-opted by the Trustees during the year until a maximum of nine trustees in post has been reached. Names of the current Trustees, and all trustees serving during the year reported, are shown on page 1.

The Trustees recognize their collective responsibility for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements each year. The appended financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis and independently reviewed, with the resulting report included as part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 17th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

John Guggiari

Goxhill Bowling Club CIO
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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ending 31 October 2024

Receipts	Note	2023/24 £p	2022/23 £p
Fundraising			
Raffles		186.00	366.00
Refreshments		206.40	366.75
Bowls drives		364.00	422.00
Pavilion use	1	275.00	408.00
Advert boards	2	1,250.00	1,110.00
Grants	3	1,790.00	500.00
Donations	4	122.00	1,854.23
Club Member Fees			
Subscriptions		1,610.00	1,610.00
Match fees		1,684.00	1,526.00
Ind.Comp entries		189.50	170.00
Tournament Fees			
Open		315.00	384.00
Club		103.25	268.00
Other		-	132.00
Other			
Club & League dinners		249.00	1,008.10
Club shirts		114.00	90.50
Sundry receipts		46.48	0.20
Suspense		-	(2.00)
		<u>8,504.63</u>	<u>10,213.78</u>
Payments			
Club Member fees			
League registration fees		391.00	365.80
Match travel		1,628.50	1,426.30
Ind.Comp entries		189.50	170.00
Prizes & Trophies			
Open		184.00	173.00
Club - Engraving		87.50	225.00
Repairs & Maintenance			
Mowers & green equipment		558.00	650.40
Sprinkler system		-	-
Sheds R&M		-	16.20
Pavilion		1,557.33	7,506.62
Other R&M		78.76	116.56
New fixed assets	5	314.97	584.89
Green Maintenance			
Fertilizer & seed	6	1,053.00	403.20
Petrol & oil		155.96	182.49
Contract services	6	1,176.00	-

Other recurring costs			
Electricity	7	449.22	326.99
Water		249.76	449.00
Insurance	8	403.09	355.08
Green waste collection		140.80	761.40
Donations			
GMH	9	250.00	200.00
In memorium		30.00	-
Other		60.00	58.60
Administrative			
Post & stationery		78.22	47.78
Club shirts for stock		271.26	-
Club & League dinners		181.85	1,122.95
Lease legal fees		-	620.00
Sundry payments		55.78	41.43
Suspense		-	-
		<u>9,544.50</u>	<u>15,803.69</u>
Net surplus (deficit)		(1,039.87)	(5,589.91)
b/f cash & bank balances		<u>5,121.04</u>	<u>10,710.95</u>
c/f cash & bank balances		<u>4,081.17</u>	<u>5,121.04</u>
comprising			
Returnable deposits		(60.00)	(150.00)
Cash TH		184.56	138.33
Cash JG		36.79	8.33
Barclays Bank		3,919.82	5,124.38
		<u>4,081.17</u>	<u>5,121.04</u>

Notes

- 1 - S.Short Art Class & HCBA meetings.
- 2 - Advertizing boards at £50 per season.
- 3 - Blakemore Foundation & £1.4K NLC 2022/23 grant received in arrears.
- 4 - Barton Lions, H Dixon, & V Austin.
- 5 - CCTV, engraved jacks, & steam mop.
- 6 - Includes scarifying & fertilizer late billed by Ashby Grass Care for 2022/23.
- 7 - Fixed rate with EDF expired August 2024.
- 8 - Public liability & contents insurance.
- 9 - Donation towards GMH insurance of the pavilion building.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities
as at 31 October 2024

		31-Oct-24	31-Oct-23
Cash funds			
Barclays current account		3,919.82	5,124.38
Petty cash		221.35	146.66
less returnable key deposits		(60.00)	(150.00)
		<u>4,081.17</u>	<u>5,121.04</u>
Assets retained for own use	<i>1</i>	£	£
Buildings			
Club Pavilion	<i>2</i>	133,320	133,320
Storage container	<i>3</i>	2,500	2,500
Shed (old pavilion)	<i>5</i>	6,000	6,000
Visitors chalet		4,440	4,440
Fencing		2,900	2,900
		<u>149,160</u>	<u>149,160</u>
Maintenance equipment			
Allett Tournament 24 mower	<i>5</i>	7,000	7,000
Atco Royale (winter mower)	<i>5</i>	1,500	1,500
Mountfield ride-on mower		1,112	1,112
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Drag brush		186	186
Air compressor		108	108
		<u>17,290</u>	<u>17,170</u>
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Bowling green	<i>6</i>	25,000	25,000
Electric fencing		416	416
Bowling equipment	<i>5</i>	1,160	1,160
Trophies	<i>5</i>	500	500
Junior Ace bowls (3 sets)		385	385
Pavilion kitchen fixtures		3,950	3,950
Pavilion shelving		165	165
Stock of shirts new & pre-owned (x24)		410	241
		<u>31,986</u>	<u>31,817</u>
		<u>198,436</u>	<u>198,147</u>
Notes		£	£

- 1 All assets are original cost unless otherwise indicated.
- 2 Insurance valuation by Rebuild Cost Assessment Limited, 18 November 2019.
- 3 Typical cost for used equivalent.
- 4 Acquired 1 used strimmer for ex-Habrough BC October 2024.
- 5 Estimated replacement cost.
- 6 Insurance cover limited to £25,000 (excess £250).

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Trustees' Annual Report

for the year to 31 October 2023

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	Harold S Dixon
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Review of activities during the period

The Club became a charitable incorporated organization primarily to make it a legal entity and enable a lease to be held in the Charity's name. To date occupation of the site at Manor Lane has been by 'custom and practice' since the 1950s, rather than anything formally documented, meaning that the existing tenancy is legally fragile. Whilst the Club/Charity's landlord, the registered charity Goxhill Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground, continues to support the letting of a long-term lease, the legal process has been delayed by matters that they are currently discussing with the Charity Commission.

With the Charity's finances in a good state the Trustees took the decision to undertake major renovation of the interior of the pavilion. This had not been addressed beyond basic painting and decorating since the pavilion was built over 25 years ago. Through applications for grants and matched funding from our own financial reserves, we refitted the kitchen, installed hot water heaters to all sinks, improved disabled access, fitted non-slip flooring throughout, repainted and retiled, as well as a variety of other improvements and updates. We are especially grateful for grants and donations from Blakemore Foundation (£1,000), Rugby Group Benevolent Fund (£500), Wren Kitchens (£500) and the Community fund of North Lincolnshire Council (£1,390 reimbursed in 2023/24), as well as several general donations.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's reserves at the end of the year remain sufficient to cover anticipated legal fees when the lease is enacted, replacement of older machinery, routine maintenance of the buildings/equipment and a cushion against the unexpected. The Trustees will continue to monitor reserve levels to ensure that funding streams are sufficient for the Charity's future needs and will seek grants where possible for any major new plans.

In common with many other local bowls clubs, we have found it difficult to stretch our recruitment pool beyond those who are retired from full-time work. At the close of the 2023

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season the average age for our full membership was almost exactly 70 years. Whilst several newcomers who tried out the sport on a casual basis seem likely to progress to become full members in 2024, we expect the average age to remain similar as our existing players age another year. Work commitments that clash with evening league matches remain a problem for younger bowlers and this has been an issue for a couple of our earlier recruits as well as a barrier to recruitment from the working-age population. We see our policy of loaning bowls equipment and providing coaching at no cost to potential new members as integral to any recruitment success and this will continue.

Weekly Tuesday afternoon bowls drives ran throughout the summer season and were open for anyone to attend on a pay-as-you-go basis. As well as being a pleasant and sociable way for new bowlers to learn and develop, these provide a shop window for us and an opportunity for bowlers who play on our green to form a positive view of the Club and its facilities. Whilst less well-supported than the previous year, these bowls drives contributed over £400 to our funds. We hope that making our green available as a neutral ground for cup finals and the like also helps to generate interest in both the sport and our Club, perhaps encouraging some spectators to try their hand at bowling.

We continue with our policy of investing in our bowling green in the firm belief that a good quality green is part of making bowling enjoyable for both newcomers and experienced players. Alongside that expenditure we are fortunate to have a 'Green Team' of volunteers who generously commit to the numerous tasks necessary to keep the green, and the Manor Lane site generally, at their best. Without their input we would struggle to finance a bought-in commercial service.

We realize that most bowlers, new and old, want to play regularly; limited opportunities can mean they switch clubs or, worse still, give up bowling completely to be lost to the sport. This was an issue for some members in 2023 so we will be making extra efforts to be equitable in the coming year. We will compete in: Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Bowling Association's Premier Division; Scunthorpe & District Bowls League's First Division; North Lincolnshire Bowls Triples Leagues' Mixed Second Division; and the Barnetby & District Bowling League. On the competitive front as a club, we achieved a first, second and third place in three of those leagues plus one cup success, all of which have helped maintain our Club's sporting profile and hopefully will encourage those serious about their bowling to stay with us.

The Trustees are grateful to all the volunteers who help in the Charity and Club's success with their enthusiasm and dedication. As well as the aforementioned Green Team, that includes everyone who helps through fundraising, running gala days & competitions, team selections & match arrangements and all the many administrative tasks necessary for the Charity and Club to achieve its objectives.

Management and responsibilities

The Trustees collectively administer the charity. The Trustees, who must be Members of the charity, are elected at its Annual General Meeting with one-third of them retiring at each AGM but eligible for re-election. Further Trustees to fill vacancies may be co-opted by the Trustees during the year until a maximum of nine trustees in post has been reached. Names of the current Trustees, and all trustees serving during the year reported, are shown on page 1.

The Trustees recognize their collective responsibility for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements each year. The appended financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis and independently reviewed, with the resulting report included as part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 31 / 01 / 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

John Guggiari

Goxhill Bowling Club CIO
(registered charity no. 1195169)
for the year ending 31 October 2023

		2022/23	2021/22
	Note	£p	£p
Receipts			
Fundraising			
Raffles		366.00	190.45
Refreshments		366.75	87.31
Bowls Drives		422.00	490.00
Pavilion use	1	408.00	-
Advert boards	2	1,110.00	900.00
Grants		500.00	-
Donations	3	1,854.23	1,842.75
Club Member Fees			
Subscriptions		1,610.00	1,456.00
Match fees		1,526.00	1,376.00
County entries		170.00	212.20
Tournament & Green Fees			
Open		384.00	156.00
Club	4	268.00	-
Other		132.00	153.00
Other			
Club & League dinners		1,008.10	885.45
Club shirts		90.50	177.50
Sundry receipts		0.20	-
Suspense		(2.00)	-
		<u>10,213.78</u>	<u>7,926.66</u>
Payments			
Club Member fees			
League registration fees		365.80	327.50
Match travel		1,426.30	1,149.00
County entries		170.00	212.20
Prizes & Trophies			
Open		173.00	74.00
Club		-	-
Engraving		225.00	200.00
Repairs & Maintenance			
Mowers & green equipment		650.40	750.84
Sprinkler system		-	-
Sheds R&M		16.20	2,100.77
Pavilion		7,506.62	364.99
Other R&M		116.56	242.88
New fixed assets	5	584.89	411.50
Green Maintenance			
Fertilizer & seed		403.20	1,073.17
Petrol & oil		182.49	217.61
Contract services	6	-	1,254.00
Other recurring costs			
Electricity	7	326.99	213.94
Water		449.00	343.82
Insurance	8	355.08	271.64

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		2022/23	2021/22
Donations			
GMH	9	200.00	150.00
In memorium		-	25.00
Other		58.60	35.00
Administrative			
Post & stationery		47.78	60.34
Club shirts for stock		-	20.00
Club & League dinners		1,122.95	961.45
Lease legal fees		620.00	-
Sundry payments		41.43	138.78
		15,803.69	10,812.63
Net surplus (deficit)		(5,589.91)	(2,885.97)
b/f cash & bank balances		10,710.95	13,596.92
c/f cash & bank balances		5,121.04	10,710.95
comprising			
Returnable deposits		(150.00)	(60.00)
Cash TH		138.33	903.65
Cash JG		8.33	225.75
Barclays Bank		5,124.38	9,641.55
		5,121.04	10,710.95

Notes

- 1 - Primarily S.Short Art Class but also HCBA meetings.
- 2 - Advertizing boards at £50 per season.
- 3 - Blakemore Foundation, Rugby Group Benevolent Fund, Wren Kitchens and R.Beaton Accountancy plus a number of smaller donations from individuals.
- 4 - No entry fees charged for 2021/22.
- 5 - Hedge trimmer & ceiling fans for pavilion.
- 6 - Close season scarifying/renovation by Ashby Grass Care.
- 7 - Fixed rate contract with EDF until August 2024.
- 8 - Public liability & contents insurance.
- 9 - Donation towards their insurance of the pavilion building.

Goxhill Bowling Club

(registered charity no. 1195169)

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 October 2023

Cash funds		31-Oct-23	31-Oct-22
Barclays current account		5,124.38	9,641.55
Petty cash		146.66	1,129.40
less returnable key deposits		(150.00)	(60.00)
		<u>5,121.04</u>	<u>10,710.95</u>
Assets retained for own use	1	£	£
Buildings			
Club Pavilion	2	133,320	133,320
Storage container	3	2,500	2,500
Shed (old pavilion)	4	6,000	6,000
Visitors chalet		4,440	4,440
Fencing		2,900	2,900
		<u>149,160</u>	<u>149,160</u>
Maintenance equipment			
Allett Tournament 24 mower	4	7,000	7,000
Atco Royale (winter mower)	4, 5	1,500	1,500
Mountfield ride-on mower		1,112	1,112
Viking mower		399	399
Sprinkler system	4	5,000	5,000
Strimmer		330	330
Stihl hedgetrimmer (long-reach, battery)		385	-
Hedgecutter (petrol)		200	200
Stihl blower (petrol)		250	250
Allett spiker attachment	4	200	200
John Deere scarifier att.	4	200	200
Cobra scarifier	4	300	300
Drag brush		186	186
Air compressor		108	108
		<u>17,170</u>	<u>16,785</u>
Other			
Bowling green	6	25,000	25,000
Electric fencing		416	416
Bowling equipment	4	1,160	1,160
Trophies	4	500	500
Junior Ace bowls (3 sets)		385	385
Pavilion kitchen fixtures		3,950	-
Pavilion shelving		165	-
Stock of shirts new & pre-owned (x16)		241	332
		<u>31,817</u>	<u>27,793</u>
		<u>198,147</u>	<u>193,738</u>

Notes

- 1 Original cost unless otherwise indicated.
- 2 Insurance valuation by Rebuild Cost Assessment Limited, 18 November 2019.
- 3 Typical cost for used equivalent
- 4 Estimated replacement cost
- 5 Omitted in error from 2022 statement
- 6 Insurance cover limited to £25,000 (excess £250).

GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1195169

Accounts

Goxhill Bowling Club

Trustees' Annual Report for the period to 31 October 2022

Charity registration number	1195169
Trustees (<i>currently & for whole period unless shown otherwise</i>)	Irene EM Ballam Harold S Dixon Christine M Ellis John Guggiari Anthony W Hebblewhite Peter Cox
	<i>Trustee from 09/11/2022</i>
Address	Goxhill Bowling Green Manor Lane, Goxhill, North Lincolnshire DN19 7LB
Telephone	01469-530363 or 01469-530579
Email	chris.bowler12@icloud.com
Website	https://goxhill-bowls-club.weebly.com/
Banker	Barclays Bank plc

The Trustees submit their annual report and financial statements covering the period from the charity's registration on 14 July 2021 until its accounting year end of 31 October 2022. Goxhill Bowling Club ('the Club') is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) that converted from the community amateur sports club Goxhill Memorial Hall Bowling Club.

Objects

The objects of Goxhill Bowling Club CIO ('the Charity') are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the inhabitants of Goxhill and the neighbouring area through providing a green and other facilities for bowling.

Review of activities during the period

The Club became a charitable incorporated organization primarily to make it a legal entity in its own right and enable a lease to be held in the Charity's name. To date occupation of the site at Manor Lane has been by 'custom and practice' since the 1950s, rather than anything formally documented, meaning that the existing tenancy is legally fragile. Whilst the Club/Charity's landlord, the registered charity Goxhill Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground, continues to support the letting of a long-term lease, the legal process has taken longer than expected but should come to fruition in 2023.

For 2022, instead of our usual open day to encourage and attract new bowlers, we arranged a 'crazy bowling' day as part of the village's celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This offered a variety of fun bowling challenges like knocking down skittles, bowling around an obstacle into a box, and through doors in a wall – all using normal biased lawn bowls. With fine weather on the day, the event was very well attended, by family groups in particular, and justified our investment in junior size bowls for younger children. We gave a prize of £5 to the highest scoring adult and child and are grateful to Barrow Bowls Club for the loan of their novelty obstacles. As well as raising the profile of bowling in the area, it was pleasing that five adults returned subsequently during the Summer to try conventional lawn bowling for themselves. Hopefully regular publicity through this and similar events will deliver a return in the form of new bowlers over the longer term.

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learn and develop, these provide a shop window for us and an opportunity for bowlers to play on our green and hopefully form a positive view of the Club and its facilities. Similarly, we hope that making our green available as a neutral ground for cup finals and the like helps to generate interest in the sport and encourages spectators to try their hand.

We continue to invest in a regime of high-quality maintenance of the bowling green in the firm belief that the best way to make bowling enjoyable and help players achieve their potential is to provide a first-class playing surface. We are fortunate to have a highly motivated 'Green Team' of volunteers who commit their time weekly to the numerous behind-the-scenes tasks necessary to keeping the green, and the Manor Lane site generally, at their best.

In North Lincolnshire the average age of lawn bowlers is probably not far away from the national statutory retirement age so it is unsurprising that recruitment plays a large part in the health of every club. We were fortunate in 2022 to recruit several new bowlers who brought down the average age of our membership and we hope their examples will attract more recruits in 2023. Our policy of loaning equipment and providing coaching at no cost to participating individuals is integral to such recruitment and will continue as in prior years.

First-hand experience tells us that most bowlers, new and old, want to play regularly so limited opportunities can mean they switch clubs or, worse still, give up bowling completely and become lost to the sport. Having joined a fourth league in 2022 we hope, and will try to ensure, that will not be an issue at our Club. For 2023 we will compete in: the Premier Division of Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Bowling Association; the Barnetby & District Bowling League; the Second Division of Scunthorpe & District Bowls League; and the Mixed League of North Lincolnshire Bowls Triples Leagues.

The Charity's finances are in a sound position with financial reserves sufficient to cover replacement of machinery and routine maintenance of the buildings and equipment as well as providing a cushion against the unexpected. The Trustees will continue to monitor reserve levels to ensure that funding streams are sufficient for the Charity's future needs and will seek grants for any major new plans.

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The Trustees recognize their collective responsibility for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements each year. The appended financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis and independently reviewed, with the resulting report included as part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 26 / 01 / 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

John Guggiari

Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ending 31 October 2022

Receipts	Note	2021/22 12 months £p	2020/21 4 months £p	Total 16 months £p
Fundraising				
Raffles		190.45	65.00	255.45
Refreshments		87.31	60.40	147.71
Bowls drives		490.00	83.00	573.00
Advert boards	1	900.00	610.00	1,510.00
Grants		-	-	-
Donations	2	1,842.75	1.04	1,843.79
Club Member Fees				
Subscriptions		1,456.00	-	1,456.00
Match fees		1,376.00	403.90	1,779.90
County entries		212.20	121.00	333.20
Tournament Fees				
Open		156.00	90.00	246.00
Club		-	96.00	96.00
Other	3	153.00	-	153.00
Other				
Club & League dinners		885.45	-	885.45
Club shirts		177.50	10.00	187.50
Sundry receipts		-	150.21	150.21
		<u>7,926.66</u>	<u>1,690.55</u>	<u>9,617.21</u>
Payments				
Club Member fees				
League registration fees		327.50	171.25	498.75
Match travel		1,149.00	349.60	1,498.60
County entries		212.20	121.00	333.20
Prizes & Trophies				
Open		74.00	45.00	119.00
Club		-	81.50	81.50
Engraving		200.00	162.50	362.50
Repairs & Maintenance				
Mowers & green equipment		750.84	-	750.84
Sprinkler system		-	-	-
Shed re-roof & repair		2,100.77	-	2,100.77
Pavilion		364.99	-	364.99
Other R&M		242.88	-	242.88
New fixed assets	4	411.50	180.00	591.50
Green Maintenance				
Fertilizer & seed		1,073.17	-	1,073.17
Petrol & oil		217.61	-	217.61
Contract services	5	1,254.00	-	1,254.00
Other recurring costs				
Electricity	6	213.94	49.90	263.84
Water		343.82	30.90	374.72
Insurance	7	271.64	-	271.64
Green waste collection		214.20	-	214.20
Donations				
GMH	8	150.00	150.00	300.00
In memorium		25.00	20.00	45.00
Other		35.00	-	35.00
Administrative				
Post & stationery		60.34	31.78	92.12
Club shirts for stock		20.00	348.94	368.94
Club & League dinners		961.45	25.00	986.45
Sundry payments		138.78	36.36	175.14
		<u>10,812.63</u>	<u>1,803.73</u>	<u>12,616.36</u>
Net surplus (deficit)		(2,885.97)	(113.18)	(2,999.15)
b/f cash & bank balances		<u>13,596.92</u>	<u>13,710.10</u>	<u>13,710.10</u>
cf cash & bank balances		<u>10,710.95</u>	<u>13,596.92</u>	<u>10,710.95</u>
comprising				
Returnable deposits		(60.00)	-	(60.00)
Cash TH		903.65	-	903.65
Cash JG		225.75	16.25	225.75
Barclays Bank		9,641.55	13,580.67	9,641.55
		<u>10,710.95</u>	<u>13,596.92</u>	<u>10,710.95</u>

Notes

- 1 - Advertising boards at £50 per season.
- 2 - Rugby Group £800, Keigar Homes £520, SJ Barrick £300 & Barton Lions £150
- 3 - Prize money as SDBL Div4 & Ealand Cup winners 2021 & Div3 2022; rink fees hosting BL shield & Ashfield finals.
- 4 - Three sets of Junior Ace bowls & a pressure sprayer.
- 5 - Close season scarifying/renovation by Ashby Grass Care both 2021 & 2022.
- 6 - Fixed rate contract with EDF until August 2024.
- 7 - Public liability & contents insurance.
- 8 - Donation towards GMH insurance of the pavilion building.

Goxhill Bowling Club (registered charity no. 1195169)**Statement of Assets & Liabilities**
as at 31 October 2022

		31-Oct-22	31-Oct-21
Cash funds			
Barclays current account		9,641.55	13,580.67
Petty cash		1,129.40	16.25
less Debtors		(60.00)	
		<u>10,710.95</u>	<u>13,596.92</u>
Assets retained for own use	1	£	£
Buildings			
Club Pavilion	2	133,320	133,320
Storage container	3	2,500	2,500
Shed (old pavilion)	4	6,000	6,000
Visitors chalet		4,440	4,440
Fencing		2,900	2,900
Maintenance equipment			
Allett Tournament 24 mower	4	7,000	7,000
Mountfield ride-on mower		1,112	1,112
Viking mower		399	399
Sprinkler system	4	5,000	5,000
Strimmer		330	330
Hedgecutter (petrol)		200	200
Stihl blower (petrol)		250	250
Allett spiker attachment	4	200	200
John Deere scarifier att.	4	200	200
Cobra scarifier	4	300	300
Drag brush		186	186
Air compressor		108	108
Other			
Bowling green	5	25,000	25,000
Electric fencing		416	416
Bowling equipment	4	1,160	1,160
Trophies	4	500	500
Junior Ace bowls (3 sets)		385	-
Stock of shirts new & pre-owned (x18)		332	150
		<u>192,238</u>	<u>191,671</u>
Notes		£	£
Debtors	6	60	339
Creditors	7	-	918

1 Original cost unless otherwise indicated.

2 "Custom & practice" lease - Freehold owner GMH&RG - insurance valuation by Rebuild Cost Assessment Limited, 18 November 2019.

3 Typical cost for used equivalent

4 Estimated replacement cost

5 Insurance cover limited to £25,000 (excess £250).

6 Key deposits (2022); club shirt prepayment (2021)

7 Ashby Grasscare & LED lights (2021)