



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 29th November 2021 To 31 March 2023**

**Charity name: YORK RAILWAY BOWLS & SOCIAL CLUB**

**Charity registration number: 1196809**

## **Objectives and Activities**

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of York and the surrounding area by the provision of facilities for the playing of the amateur sport of outdoor bowls.</p> <p>To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of York and the surrounding area, the provision of the facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their age, youth, disabilities, 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.</p>
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.	<p>The Club has operated and maintained a 6 rink bowling green, clubhouse, associated grounds and car parking for the benefit of its members, the wider bowling community (including visiting Clubs, Bowls England and Yorkshire competitions) and the local community at large. The Club has also advertised and provided coaching sessions for those interested in knowing more about bowling.</p> <p>The Club has promoted its non-bowling facilities in order to spread its income base to improve its financial security. Local businesses and community groups have been allowed to use the facilities for meetings/training sessions and experience the sport of outdoor bowling if they wish.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>All Trustees have received, read and accepted the Charity Commission guidance related to public benefit and the role/responsibilities of trustees.</p>

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	N/A
Policy on social investment including	N/A

program related investment	
Contribution made by volunteers	The Club is managed entirely by volunteers. The Club could not function without the small group of volunteers who devote a lot of their time. The Club is extremely grateful for their continued support.
Other	N/A

## Achievements and Performance

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.	<p>For bowling activities, 2022 was a season still affected by Covid 19 at the start. The green was open for use from Mid-April to Mid-September apart from 2 days when temperatures were so high the green was shut for 2 days in July.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to note use of the green in the rink book, and this shows that with casual roll-ups and other organised events, the green was used for about 23% of the available time. There were 17 days when no use was recorded.</p> <p>As well as use by members, the green was also used to host friendlies, Bowls England national competitions and Yorkshire Bowling Association competitions. In addition, the green was hired by outside organisations on 4 occasions, and we ran our annual Open Triples competition, attracting 20 entries.</p> <p>Coaching/taster sessions were run for non-members on Saturdays, which resulted in several youngsters regularly attending.</p> <p>Our facilities were appreciated by many of our visitors, with comments such as</p> <p>"Just a quick note to thank you and your colleagues for such an enjoyable evening. Every one of the 19 players said how much they had enjoyed the bowls. They also commented on how helpful &amp; friendly you and your colleagues were. A credit to your club. A memorable event for our tennis club!"</p> <p>"Just a thank you to your club and all the helpers on the day ... thank you for my lunch it was excellent... the Green played well, and I haven't had any comments other than good on the venue. "</p>

	<p>“I would just like to say a big thank-you to you and your club for hosting our team last week. We had a marvellous tour in York and that's largely due to friendly way that we were received at each of the clubs that we had the pleasure of visiting. Please pass on our sincere thanks to the rest of your members. I hope that we have the opportunity to visit you again before too long.”</p> <p>Our facilities were also made available for Bowls England initiatives. The first was the “Big Bowls Weekend”. We ran an event on 28th May which 11 people attended. One subsequently joined. The second was the “Play Bowls Bash” to cater for interest from the Commonwealth Games 2022. Although our green was available for 9 sessions, there was no take-up via the Play-Bowls portal.</p> <p>As well as hosting events, our members attend events at other venues to generate interest in our sport and our club, namely –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· York University</li> <li>· Queen’s Baton Relay event in York prior to the Commonwealth Games and</li> <li>· Scarcroft School.</li> </ul> <p>Internally most sections held competitions, and there were also joint club competitions, won as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Men’s Singles – Stephen Dilks</li> <li>· Drawn Pairs – Michelle Ellis and Tony Thornton</li> <li>· 100 Up Singles – Stephen Atkinson</li> </ul> <p>As a joint club we also played in Bowls England competitions, i.e. Men’s Top Club, Men’s Double Fours and Tony Allcock Trophy (mixed double fours) but with limited success. A four from our club won the Men’s County fours title, and one of our players (James Dilks) also won the Men’s County 2 wood singles, subsequently going on to reach the quarter finals in the National Championships. James Dilks also won the Yorkshire Junior Player of the Year award. He and several others from the Club were regular members of the Yorkshire squad featuring in the Middleton Cup and Balcomb squads. Four of our ladies were the runners up in the County Senior Ladies Fours.</p> <p>In addition, we held quizzes, social evenings, bingo and dominoes which were not only for club members but also for the members of the local community.</p> <p>The York Speakers Club has met fortnightly over the period September 2022 to March 2023; and is affiliated to the Association of Speakers Clubs. The Speakers Club gives members the chance to practise their public speaking in a structured but supportive and friendly environment. Members realise new skills and as their ability improves so does their confidence. Members receive constructive advice to help them develop as a public speaker. One of the members, Gillian Munday, completed 10 speaking assignments and gave a A5 “Showpiece” speech to receive her ASC Certificate of Achievement.</p> <p>The Club is increasingly being used by local businesses and community groups to hold their events, training sessions and meetings. These events include Weightwatchers, Local Scouts group, Fleetways, the Holgate Allotment Association and the York Cruiser Training Centre. The Club has also become the “home” for the York Section of the Korean Veterans Association who meet monthly.</p> <p>There is also a 100 Club for members which helps to raise funds to improve the Club facilities.</p>
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Whilst no formal objectives were set for this period, The Trustees are constantly striving to increase the amounts that are raised to maintain and improve the facilities of the Club. The Trustees priority has been on Health & Safety at the Club and the improvement to the quality and performance of the bowling green. A Club plan for the next few years is being developed in consultation with members.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	N/A
Other	N/A

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The Charity did not receive the majority of its funding (as a gift) from the York RI CIO until May 2022. The Club is in a reasonably healthy position. but the scale of increases in utility bills could change that position quite quickly. Also, the Trustees are now responsible for all expenses including repairs to the premises and buildings insurance (as part of a Community Asset Transfer agreement). A significant proportion of the Club's financial assets is being held as reserves (see below).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	<p>The Club requires a level of free reserves to safeguard the charitable activities of the Club and protect options for its future development. For example, the reserves are needed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Develop (improve/repair/maintain/replace) our premises and equipment in line with changing needs of the membership and organisations to which the Club is affiliated.</li><li>· Ensure that delays in the receipt of or achieving expected income do not interrupt our day-to-day charitable activities or cause serious financial difficulty to the Club.</li><li>· Survive unexpected and on-off events that may arise from internal or external causes and have financial implications not covered by insurance.</li><li>· Survive significant increases in the cost of utilities that may have a major impact on the budget.</li></ul> <p>The Trustees and Management Committee of the York Railway Bowls &amp; Social Club have agreed that, to safeguard the operational and financial stability of the Club, the level of free reserves should be set at £30,000. This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the preparation of the operational budget for the following financial year.</p>
Amount of reserves held	£52,222
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A

Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	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)	Member subscriptions, bar takings, clubhouse hire and fundraising through bowling and social events.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Increase in utility charges Membership demographics Membership support for non-bowling activities
Other	N/A

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Description of charity's trusts:	N/A
Type of governing document	Written Constitution based on the Charity Commission template. Approved 26/11/2021
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Elected by Club members but Trustees can appoint additional members, as long as that is ratified by members within 3 months.

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	N/A
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The Trustees have devolved day to day responsibility for the running of the Club to a Management Committee comprising of: Chair, Treasurer, Bowling Manager, Admin Secretary, Premises Manager and Social Events/Bar Manager.
Relationship with any related parties	
Other	The success of the Charity is due solely to the tireless work of a small group of volunteers.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	York Railway Bowls & Social Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1196809
Charity's principal address	Ashton Lane York YO24 4HX

### 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	Malcolm Britton	Chair		Collective decision by Trustees
2	Andy Humphreys		November 2021 – October 2022	
3	Stephen Dilks			
4	Stephen Atkinson		November 2021 – February 2023	
5	Michael O'Donnell			
6	June Ogden		October 2022 – March 2023	

7	Lyn Britton		October 2022 – March 2023	
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### Other optional information

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### Declarations

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

<b>Signature(s)</b>	MALCOLM BRITTON	
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<b>Full name(s)</b>	MALCOLM STUART BRITTON	
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<b>Position</b>	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES	
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<b>Date</b>	29/10/2023	
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01.04.2022

To

31.03.2023

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bar	28,419	-	-	28,419	-
Catering	5,796	-	-	5,796	-
Subscriptions	7,810	-	-	7,810	-
Affiliation Entry Fees	495	-	-	495	-
Room Hire	3,695	-	-	3,695	-
Donations	2,142	-	-	2,142	-
Fundraising	2,323	-	-	2,323	-
Green Fees	663	-	-	663	-
Players Kit/Workwear	408	-	-	408	-
Miscellaneous Income	136	-	-	136	-
Rebates	1,462	-	-	1,462	-
Other Income	51,720	-	-	51,720	-
Restricted grants	-	1,800	-	1,800	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>105,069</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,869</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>105,069</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,869</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bar	15,099	-	-	15,099	-
Catering	2,779	-	-	2,779	-
Fundraising	601	-	-	601	-
Rates	217	-	-	217	-
Water & Refuse Collection	952	-	-	952	-
Utilities	6,745	-	-	6,745	-
Insurance & Licences	2,227	-	-	2,227	-
Telephone & IT	837	-	-	837	-
Security & Fire Alarm	470	-	-	470	-
Ground Costs & Maintenance	6,774	-	-	6,774	-
Building Repairs & Maintenance	7,454	-	-	7,454	-
Machinery Purchases	541	-	-	541	-
Players Kit & Workwear	669	-	-	669	-
Affiliation Entry Fees etc.	3,699	-	-	3,699	-
Printing & Stationery	667	-	-	667	-
Professional Fees	2,575	-	-	2,575	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	540	-	-	540	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>52,847</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,847</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>52,847</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,847</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>52,222</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,022</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>52,222</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,022</b>	<b>-</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Lloyds Treasurers	11,304	-	-
	YRBSC Lloyds	31,749	1,800	-
	Cash	466	-	-
	Sections Bank Accounts	7,368	-	-
	Sections Cash	1,335	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>52,222</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Bar Plant & Machinery	Unrestricted	-	-
	Kitchen Plant & Machinery	Unrestricted	-	-
	Indoor Fixtures & Fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
	Outdoor Fixtures & Fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
	Bowls Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Green Plant & Machinery	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Bar Purchases	Unrestricted	-	
	Water	Unrestricted	-	
	Telephone	Unrestricted	-	
	Utilities	Unrestricted	-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	MICHAEL O'DONNELL	MR MICHAEL O'DONNELL	29/10/2023	

**YORK RAILWAY BOWLS & SOCIAL CLUB**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**

**YORK RAILWAY BOWLS & SOCIAL CLUB**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of York Railway Bowls & Social Club (the charity) for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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



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Date.....11/12/23.....