

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 24/1/2022 **Period start date** **To:** 31/10/2022 **Period end date**

Charity name: Brightlingsea Cricket Club

Charity registration number: 1197631

Trustees' Report

Objectives and Activities

The charitable objectives of Brightlingsea Cricket Club are "the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for playing sport in general, with specific reference to cricket".

We have ensured the club's operation takes account of the objectives and the desire to provide public benefit by ensuring where possible that:

- We provide volunteer opportunities to benefit local people with regards to the maintenance of the cricket square during the season.
- We work with the local community to ensure that our services are available to a wide range of user groups (eg offering sessions to the local primary school and running summer camps)
- We promote the benefits of cricket and outdoor exercise to enhance physical and mental health.

In developing and updating our plans and policies the trustees have been mindful of the charitable objectives, and of the guidance on public benefit provided by the Charity Commission.

The First Year

This is our first annual report since we obtained charitable status. The decision to become a charity was important because it has sharpened our focus on our objectives, particularly our aim to foster community participation at all levels.

As we transitioned from seasonal activities to year-round training and competitions for our club, as well as strengthening our relationship with other sports clubs, we have experienced great success in many areas of our work this year. Our focus this year has been on expanding opportunities for our younger players, developing our club's inclusivity and diversity, as well as investing in and upgrading our training facilities.

Membership

Membership has strengthened significantly this year, particularly in the Junior Sections of our club. The introduction of various junior sections (e.g., girls and

disability) has allowed our female and disabled players to choose to play in a specific or inclusive environment or both. Notably, our female youth membership now accounts for approximately 40% of our total membership, which is a significant achievement in just one year.

We are now providing cricket opportunities for both senior and junior players throughout the year, which has helped us retain younger players who previously disengaged during the winter and did not continue in the following season. We are pleased to welcome back some past players who have become Vice Presidents, in addition to our supporters. We hope to build on the sense of community that this form of membership provides in the future.

On the Cricket Field

We have had a tremendously successful season with some outstanding results.

Senior Cricket

- Saturday XI: In only our second season back in the Two Counties League, our Saturday XI secured a second League Championship in a row, winning Division 8 and earning promotion to Division 7.
- Sunday XI: Our Sunday XI competed in the North Essex Cricket League's 30-over competition with the aim of bringing younger players into the senior game. Once again, they finished at the top of the table.
- Indoor League: we entered a team in the new Northern Gateway Indoor Cricket League

Junior Cricket

- Kwik Cricket continues to be a success, with numbers increasing after COVID-19 restrictions eased. We are encouraged to see more children progressing into the hard ball game.
- Our Girls Team played in their first indoor and outdoor competitions, demonstrating potential for the future. Girls also regularly played in the under 11 hard ball matches. At the end of the year, we learned that one of our girls team became our first girl selected for the County as she has been chosen to be part of the under 11 Essex squad.
- The Disability Team participated in their first-ever competitions, taking part in two mini-tournaments alongside teams with much more experience, yet showing considerable potential for the future.
- We ran Hardball Teams for the under 11 and under 13 age groups outdoors during the summer.
- For the first time, we entered teams in the new junior section of the Indoor League at Northern Gateway.
- Running an Easter and Summer Camp over the holiday period attracted both existing members and other participants new to the sport, further enhancing the club's success this season.

Partnerships with Others

This year has shown us the benefits of working in partnership with others. We organized a Community Jubilee Sport Jamboree in June, in collaboration with Brightlingsea Town Council, Brightlingsea Bowling, Brightlingsea Regent Football, Sledgehammers Basketball, and Brightlingsea Coastal Rowing Clubs. The event was a great success, with hundreds of people trying out different sports for the first time and a positive community vibe.

At the beginning of the year, we opened our clubhouse on Sundays for the first time to Brightlingsea Regent Football Club for their youth games during the playing season. This was a positive experience for players, spectators, and the club. We provided hot food and drinks on cold days, which was well received. This has strengthened relationships and generated a financial surplus that has been reinvested in the exterior of the clubhouse to extend its life.

In addition, we have established a new partnership with Colne Athletic Football Club for the 2022 football season, where we provide drinks and hot food to spectators and participants. This demonstrates the need for our building and toilets to be open and shared with other community groups for their benefit.

For the second year running, we provided free coaching to each Year Five class at Brightlingsea Primary School for a half-term period, introducing 120 children to cricket. This allows us to introduce cricket to children who could be first-generation cricketers of the future.

Fundraising, Sponsorship, Grant Funding & Gift Aid

We have been extremely fortunate this year to have received sponsorship for our teams, events, and activities. This sponsorship has been crucial in providing financial stability for our different teams and has allowed us to offer support to players and families who may be unwaged.

We have also successfully obtained grant funding to support our work. Funding from the ECB and EASST has contributed to the nets facility, Brightlingsea Mayoral Fund has supported our Disability Section, and ECB has provided funding for our holiday activities. Without this support, we would not have been able to invest in new initiatives and facilities at our club.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

It has been a successful year financially for the club. Income has increased significantly since becoming a charity and this is largely due to success in securing grants and sponsorship that have been used to invest in improving club facilities.

Income and expenditure have been generally aligned despite a significant investment in developing our volunteer coaches, our refurbished net facility, playing surface, grounds equipment and maintenance of our clubhouse.

Looking ahead, we are acutely aware of the urgent need to secure a new clubhouse for our club. Recent repairs to the roof and exterior of the building have highlighted the critical need for a new facility. We have been advised that the current building has a limited lifespan of around 5 years. It is essential that we take immediate action to raise funds for a new building to ensure the future of our club and to enable us to broaden the scope of our provision for the wider community.

In preparation for this task, we have been building up our reserves over the past two years to kickstart this process. However, we recognize that there is still a long way to go to reach our goal. We are seeking support from our community to help us get this project off the ground.

This year, our main focus will be to work with our partners to design the new clubhouse and secure the necessary permissions and planning permission. We are committed to building a facility that will serve our community for years to come, and we invite everyone to join us in this exciting endeavour. Let us work together to secure a bright future for our club and the community we serve.

BRIGHTLINGSEA CRICKET CLUB
Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of Brightlingsea Cricket Club

Independent report goes here

BRIGHTLINGSEA CRICKET CLUB
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ending 20

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Brightlingsea Cricket Club |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1197631 |
| Charity's principal address | Bayard Recreation Ground, Regent Road, Brightlingsea, Colchester, Essex, CO7 0QT |

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 | Julia Hunt | Chair | | |
| 2 | Stacey Plummer | Secretary | | |
| 3 | Craig Finbow | Treasurer | | |
| 4 | Gordon Collen | | | |
| 5 | Richard Lankester | | | |
| 6 | Richard Hunt | | | |
| 7 | Ben Sibbons | | | |
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) | | |
| Full name(s) | | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | | |
| Date | | |

BRIGHTLINGSEA CRICKET CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD 24/01/2022 to 31/10/2022

| INCOME | | 2022 |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bar | | £ 20,657.65 |
| Food | | £ 3,779.10 |
| Players subscriptions | Senior | £ 1,050.00 |
| | Junior (inc Kwik) | £ 1,420.00 |
| Sponsorship | | £ 2,690.00 |
| Vice Presidents | | £ 390.00 |
| Other memberships | | £ 120.00 |
| Training Fees | Senior | £ 467.95 |
| | Junior | £ 3,363.62 |
| | Kwik | £ 1,382.90 |
| Match Fees | Home/Away combined (inc Railway) | £ 2,133.50 |
| | Colts | £ 617.00 |
| Grants/donations | | £20,600.00 |
| Fundraising (BBQs/cake stall at Kwik Tournament/Cricket Week) | | £ 907.27 |
| Clothing | Senior | £ 256.00 |
| | Junior | £ 184.00 |
| Pink Ribbon | Senior Caps | £ 531.00 |
| | Junior Caps | £ 213.00 |
| | Raffle | £ 397.00 |
| Misc | | |
| Total | | £ 61,159.99 |
| EXPENDITURE | | 2022 |
| Clubhouse | Rates (TDC) | - |
| | Electric | £ 774.22 |
| | Gas | £ 126.12 |
| | Water/sewerage (clubhut & square) | £ 130.12 |
| | Repairs and Maintenance | £2,725.85 |
| | Wifi | £ 212.00 |
| | Electrical Report | £ 160.00 |
| | Boiler Service | £ 144.00 |
| Insurance (fire and public liability) | | £ 1,062.13 |
| Square | Ground Rent/Games Playes (BTC) | £ 711.61 |
| | Maintenance (loam, seed, fertilizer) | £ 1,378.82 |
| Machinery maintenance/servicing/oil.diesel | | £ 501.22 |
| Capital Expenditure | Scarifier | £ 4,560.00 |
| | Nets | £ 29,066.02 |
| | Scoreboard | £ 288.89 |
| Kitchen and toilet hardware | | £390.13 |

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| Bar Expenditure | Stock | £ | 10,439.89 |
| | Bar Hardware | £ | 156.75 |
| | Club licence - TDC | £ | 70.00 |
| Food | For sale | £ | 1,733.70 |
| | Celebration/event food | £ | 446.90 |
| Playing/coaching equipment | | | £549.45 |
| Match balls | | £ | 415.43 |
| League Subscriptions | | £ | 80.00 |
| Development | Coaching Courses | £ | 300.00 |
| | Safeguarding courses | | - |
| | Hygiene courses | | - |
| | First Aid | £ | 325.00 |
| | Young Leaders | £ | 180.00 |
| Training Hire | Senior | £ | 144.00 |
| | Junior | £ | 1,118.00 |
| Sponsors | Banner | £ | 60.79 |
| | Pin badges | £ | 157.00 |
| Donations | Pink Ribbon | £ | 829.00 |
| | B'sea Regent | £ | 100.72 |
| Website | | £ | 187.20 |
| Clothing | Club clothing | £ | 1,678.19 |
| | Pink Caps; My Icon | £ | 312.00 |
| Day to Day costs | Gazebo costs | | |
| | Stationery | £ | 256.35 |
| | BBQ Gas | £ | 52.85 |
| Total | | £ | 61,824.35 |
| Excess of income over expenditure | | -£ | 664.36 |

Current account balance at 31/10/2022: £22,786.52

Outstanding cheques: Nil

C Finbow
Hon Treasurer

01 November 2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Brightlingsea Cricket Club

On accounts for the year
ended

31st October 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1197631

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 31/10/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

G Bowler

Date:

18-11-22

Name:

GRAHAM BOWLER

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

ACCA

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

n/a