

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01/11/22 **To:** 31/10/23

Charity name: Brightlingsea Cricket Club

Charity registration number: 1197631

Trustees' Report

OBJECTIVES & 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 (e.g. offering sessions to the local primary school as well as running sports camps during the summer holidays).
- 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 the guidance on public benefit provided by the Charity Commission.

INTRODUCTION

This is our second annual report since becoming a charity. This year, the focus has been on embedding and securing the good progress made last year across all aspects of our activity. In particular, we have focused on consolidating our senior and junior participation & competition, maintaining & developing the quality of training & facilities and ensuring financial security for future investment. We have also built on our partnership with other local sports clubs and organisations.

We would like to thank the many volunteers for their support during the year. As the club develops its reach, our volunteers are essential in order to distribute the time and responsibilities involved.

We would also like to thank our sponsors. Sponsorship funding has significantly supported our club, enabling us to provide extras for players and improve the overall experience of playing. Whether it be supporting our Kwik Cricket event, providing our new stumps or ensuring our players have kit at a subsidised rate, we are grateful for your support.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership again has strengthened this year, across all sections of the club. We now have over 110 club members, which is our highest membership for many years.

SENIOR CRICKET

Saturday XI – In the third season back in the Two Counties League, our Saturday XI achieved a third League Championship in a row, winning Division Seven and gaining promotion to Division Six.

Sunday League XI – After a break of two years, we rejoined the Two Counties Sunday League. With some very competitive matches on good pitches, it was great to be back. After an exciting season, the club finished at the top of the Sunday League.

Sunday T30 League XI – The T30 League again focused on the development of younger players as they transition from youth to senior cricket. With the focus on transition rather than results, the team gained valuable experience.

Brightlingsea Social XI; 'The Railway' – The formal inclusion of 'The Railway' as our social side within our club means we can now offer cricket for an even greater number of players and abilities through friendly matches.

Senior Terrier Indoor League – Our second year in the Indoor League was very successful, with our team finishing top of the Terrier League. For next season, the players have decided to enter the National League format.

JUNIOR CRICKET

We continued to run a wide range of opportunities for young people across our various sections.

Kwik Cricket – Provision for our youngest softball players saw consistently strong numbers attending our Friday evening sessions.

Girls Section – For the first time, we entered an Under-13 girls' team into a hardball league. The development of our girls' playing quality was exemplified by their

performances, including one of our girls' team players enjoying her first season playing in the county set-up for the Essex team.

Disability Section – The section continued to attract new players, as well as seeing performance levels of more established players improve. Two of our players joined the County Super 9s squad.

Colts Hardball – Teams at Under-11, Under-13, and Under-15 age groups participated in the North Essex Leagues in the summer.

Junior Indoor League – For the second year, we entered teams into the indoor league held at Colchester's Northern Gateway. The Under-12 and Under-14 teams put in some good performances and made real progress that helped them during the summer season.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHERS

We continue to support both Brightlingsea Regent Youth Football Club and Colne Athletic Football Club by opening the clubhouse and toilets for their matches during their seasons. The support we provide is clearly welcomed by spectators and players. The warm space in the winter provides a social meeting place at the end of the game and it is great to hear positive comments from our returning customers.

We were delighted that Brightlingsea Regent FC, Colne Athletic FC, Essex Cricket, and Brightlingsea Town Council supported the club when the Football Foundation visited to hear about our proposed new facility. It was evident that they were impressed with the proposed community offer and community use. Additionally, we have had several meetings with Brightlingsea Town Council about the proposed sports pavilion and have agreed on the positioning and plan.

SPONSORSHIP, GRANT FUNDING & GIFT AID

We have been fortunate this year to have received sponsorship for our teams, events and activities. This sponsorship has been essential in providing financial security for our various teams and has allowed us to support low & unwaged players and their families.

We have applied for, and successfully obtained, grant funding to support our work. Funding from Greene King contributed to the cost of a top-quality bowling machine and the ECB supported our disability section. There is no doubt that without this support, we would not have been able to invest in new initiatives and facilities at our club.

Reference and Administrative details

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

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Julia Hunt	Chair		
Stacey Plummer	Hon Secretary		
Craig Finbow	Hon Treasurer		
Gordon Collen			
Richard Hunt			
Richard Lankester			
Ben Sibbons			

DECLARATIONS

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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

BRIGHTLINGSEA CRICKET CLUB

PERIOD 01/11/2022 to 31/10/2023

INCOME

Memberships

Junior

 Kwik

 Hardball

Senior

 Player

 Supporter

 VP

Training Fees

Junior

 Kwik

 Hardball

 Disability

 Girls

Senior

Match Fees

Junior

Senior

Clothing

Junior

Senior

Sponsorship

Bar takings

Food takings

Grants/Donations

Donations

The Semble Grassroots Trust

Jack Petchey Foundation

Amazon Smile

Gift Aid

Misc

Bank transfer from redundant account

Total

EXPENDITURE

Clubhouse

Electric

Gas

Water

Wifi

Till hardware

Insurance

Misc (TV licence, gas cert, etc)

Consumables/stationery (labels, paint, pens, paper, admin kit)

Square

Ground rent/match fees

Junior

Senior

Equipment Maintenance

Consumables (seed, sheets, fuel, etc)

Training & Development

Coach Education

Coaching Equipment (bowling machine)

Indoor Hire

Junior

Senior

Food Expenditure

Food for sale

Food for teas/celebrations

Bar Expenditure

Bar for sale

Bar Licence

Bar Hardware

Kitchen Hardware

Sponsors

Banner
Booklet

Capital Expenditure

Gazebo
Nets
Scoreboard/scoring

Misc

League Membership
Balls
Kit/stumps
Clothing
Trophies/engraving
B'sea Regent Donation
Website
Bank error

Clubhouse Project

Legal Fees

Total

Excess of income over expenditure

Current account balance at 31/10/2023:

C Finbow
Hon Treasurer

Wednesday, November 01, 2023

2022/2023

£	261.00
£	461.00

£	1,632.00
£	60.00
£	370.00

£	780.30
£	1,726.00
£	450.30
£	474.10
£	315.50

£	979.90
£	1,905.60

£	721.00
£	899.00

£	4,953.00
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£	31,416.66
£	3,340.29

£	10,595.00
£	2,395.00
£	1,500.00
£	40.41
£	381.09

£ 0.10

£ **65,657.25**

2022/2023

£ 1,359.62

£ 355.10

£ 164.22

£ 235.96

£ 150.48

£ 1,286.15

£ 241.39

£ 548.15

£ 1,002.24

£ 1,689.95

£ 708.56

£ 2,164.30

£ 320.00

£ 3,632.75

£ 2,295.00

£ 340.00

£ 2,163.47

£ 292.72

£ 13,383.78

£ 70.00

£ 652.47

£ 260.00

£ 280.98

£ 346.94

£ 200.00

£ 799.50

£ 280.85

£ 2,738.15

£ 800.49

£ 69.99

£ 179.18

-£ 4.00

£ 3,100.00

£ 42,108.39

£ 23,548.86

£ 49,641.72



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Brightlingsea Cricket Club

On accounts for the year
ended

31/10/2023

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 31/10/2023.

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:

25/01/24

Name:

Graham Bowler

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

ACCA

Address:

2 Kings Meadow

Colchester

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