

Trustees' Annual Report

From: 01/11/23 **To:** 31/10/24

Charity name: Brightlingsea Cricket Club

Charity registration number: 1197631

INTRODUCTION

This year's focus has been on consolidating progress across all areas — particularly in strengthening senior and junior participation and preparing for future investment in our proposed clubhouse.

We thank the many volunteers who supported the club and our generous sponsors and grant funders, whose contributions enhanced player experiences and made cricket more accessible.

CHARITABLE OBJECTS

Our objectives are to:

- Promote community participation in healthy recreation, particularly through cricket.
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MEMBERSHIP

Senior membership grew again this year, though youth numbers declined slightly. We continue to explore more effective ways to manage and streamline membership tracking.

ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Senior Cricket

We had another successful season. High player availability on weekends led to competitive selection — prompting the decision to enter an additional Saturday League team in 2025.

- Saturday XI: Won Division 6, securing a fourth consecutive title and promotion to Division 5. Team spirit and consistency were key.
- Sunday League XI: Faced tougher opponents in a new league format but still secured a second straight league win.

- Sunday T30 XI: Continued to develop younger players, with strong contributions from youth and Disability Section members.
 - 'The Railway' XI: Offered fun, competitive matches for all abilities. Highlights included the annual game against Brightlingsea Rugby Club.
 - Indoor League: Reached the final of the Northern Gateway Indoor League's National format, narrowly losing to Coggeshall.
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JUNIOR CRICKET

We continued to offer wide-ranging opportunities for young players:

- Kwik Cricket: Regular sessions for ages 5–11, though attendance is declining. Strengthening school pathways remains a priority.
 - Girls: Despite not entering a girls' hardball team, girls played key roles in mixed teams. Plans are in place for a girls' U11 and women's 6-a-side team in 2025.
 - Disability Section: Active in county festivals, with four players joining county squads.
 - Colts Hardball: U12 and U14 teams performed well; U11s had narrow losses; U15s faced tough competition.
 - Indoor League: U12 and U14 teams showed strong improvement leading into summer play.
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SPONSORSHIP & FUNDING

Sponsorship and grants provided vital financial support across all areas of the club and enabled us to assist players in need. Match sponsorship for Saturday games was particularly successful.

FUTURE PLANS

With funding, we hope to begin construction on a new clubhouse — designed to serve both the club and wider community.

The introduction of a Second XI for 2025 is another key development. Ongoing recruitment and consistent player availability will be essential.

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			

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		

INCOME

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Bar (inc food as of 2024)

Players subscriptions

Sponsorship

Vice Presidents

Training Fees

Match Fees

Grants/donations - restricted

Grants/donations - non-restricted

Clothing

Charity Caps

Total

EXPENDITURE

Clubhouse

Insurance (fire and public liability)

Clubhouse Project

Square

Machinery maintenance/servicing/oil.diesel

Capital Expenditure

Kitchen and toilet hardware

Kitchen and toilet hardware

Bar Expenditure

Food

Playing/coaching equipment

Match balls

League Subscriptions

Development

Summer Camp

Indoor Training Hire

Sponsors

Donations

Website

Clothing

Day to Day costs

Total

Excess of income over expenditure

Of which restricted funds

Of which non restricted funds

BRIGHTLINGSEA CRICKET CLUB

: AND EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD 1/11/2023 to 31/10/2024

Senior
Junior (inc Kwik)

Senior
Junior (inc Kwik as of 2024)

Home/Away combined (inc Railway)
Colts

Senior
Junior

Senior Caps

of which restricted funds

Rates (TDC)
Electric
Gas
Water/sewerage (clubhut & square)

Wifi
Misc (TV licence, gas cert, etc)

Building Conttol fees - relating to restricted funds
TDC Planning Fees -relating to restricted funds

Architect Fees - relating to restricted funds

Ground Rent/Games Playes (BTC)
Maintenance (loam, seed, fertilizer)

Nets
Scoreboard
Mower

from unrestricted funds
restricted funds

Stock
Bar Hardware
Club licence - TDC

For sale
Teas/event food

Coaching Courses
Safeguarding courses
Other course expenses

Coach Fees

Senior
Junior

Booklet

B'sea Regent
First Responders

Club clothing

Charity Caps; My Icon
Blankets

Stationery/consumables
BBQ Gas
Carnival Float
Trophies and engraving

of which restricted funds

2024

£32,547.38

£2,746.97

£2,286.69

£5,080.61

£507.20

£466.70

£2,913.79

£3,235.63

£1,067.01

£24,340.00

£401.19

£235.70

£339.00

£874.00

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£24,340.00

2024

£522.00

£907.31

£243.75

£263.33

£464.44

£159.00

£1,452.51

£293.00

£1,844.00

£3,000.00

£2,787.51

£943.61

£708.48

£173.74

£12.00

£250.00

£391.96

£1,000.00

£13,397.02

£231.59

£91.00

£2,370.62

£1,076.38

£1,014.36

£690.00

£495.00

£150.00

£20.00

£5.10

£988.00

£297.00

£1,683.00

£324.25

£112.93

£425.00

£288.00

£1,379.63

£490.00

£290.86

£779.72

£44.99

£102.29

£368.16

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£9,476.96

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£14,863.04

£19,647.29



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Brightlingsea Cricket Club

On accounts for the year
ended

2024

Charity no
(if any)

1197631

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2024

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

The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member ACCA.
Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

06/08/2025

Name: Graham Bowler

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACCA #1157737

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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.