



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st October 2023 Period start date
To 30th September 2024 Period end date

Charity name: **Hurst Bowling Club**

Charity registration number: **1198978**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Hurst and the surrounding areas by the provision of facilities for playing bowls. (Facilities means land, buildings, equipment and organising sporting activities).
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Club continues to provide the community with the facilities to pursue Lawn Bowls activities. We have been able to increase membership numbers and thus the number of individuals benefitting from healthy sporting activity.</p> <p>The Club provided a full calendar of activities with over 80 arranged matches against other clubs as well as internal club competitions and enabling access in county matches and competitions. As well as competitive matches, other activities are run by the club whereby members and guests can gather to play bowls and socialise.</p> <p>The Club continues to host a weekly bowls and social event in partnership with The Link Visiting Scheme, a registered charity that provides befriending services and activities to help prevent loneliness and isolation for elderly people.</p> <p>The Club engages with youth by providing an opportunity for a local cub scout group to visit and enjoy the sport of bowls. Volunteers at the Club attend to provide instruction and assistance.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission Guidance and consider that the activities listed above demonstrate that the organisation meets the need to provide a public benefit.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>During the bowling season, the Club has arranged and facilitated a total of 83 competitive matches against other bowling clubs, as well as a number of internal competitions and providing access to county competitions. These matches have provided the beneficiaries with exercise and social contact with existing and new friends.</p> <p>Additionally, our partnership with The Link Visiting Scheme has provided potentially isolated and lonely people with similar opportunities of outdoor exercise and much needed social contact. During the bowling season there have been 21 weekly sessions held. Not all of the Link members are able to play bowls, but they still enjoy a cup of tea, a slice of cake and the company of others.</p> <p>In these ways, along with our support for younger people, demonstrated by the Cub Scout visits, the Trustees believe that the Club has benefited not only its direct members, but also a wider range of beneficiaries from the surrounding area.</p> <p>The club also takes an active role in community events, such as providing marshals to assist the running of the Wokingham Half Marathon around the village of Hurst and participating in the annual Hurst Village Show.</p> <p>Running alongside the above, the Club has been working on a project to replace its clubhouse, which is over 100 years old and in a poor state of repair. Club volunteers have overseen a design process resulting in local authority planning permission being granted and over the next months, builders' quotes will be obtained and funding sought to complete the build. This is an important project as without an improved clubhouse the club will find it difficult to maintain its activities.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p> Turnover £31,338 Expenditure £43,622 Deficit (£12,284) </p> <p>The deficit for the year is due to expenditure on the building project for a new clubhouse.</p> <p>Removing the building project from the overall figures shows the club operating with a surplus of £3,948 for the year.</p> <p>The building project deficit of £16,232 was funded by £9,333 from fundraising during the year and the remainder by drawing on the reserves specifically allocated for this project.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	During the year the club held reserves for two purposes, to facilitate the planning and building of a new clubhouse and for the purchase and maintenance of essential greenkeeping equipment and machinery.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>At year end the reserves stand at</p> <p>Restricted/Designated Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Clubhouse £76,163 - Equipment & machinery £13,000 <p>Unrestricted Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operating funds £24,557
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no immediate concerns about the club continuing as a going concern. Future uncertainties would include a drop in member numbers and thus income, a significant rise in costs and a failure to raise the remainder of the funds for a new clubhouse.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charity Commission 'Association' Model Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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	Para 1.25	All Trustees are elected to the post by the Membership. One third of Trustees retire at the end of the year and are eligible for re-election. The Trustees are empowered to co-opt a Trustee if deemed appropriate, so long as this does not breach the maximum allowed in the Constitution.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Hurst Bowling Club
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1198978
Charity's principal address	Hurst Bowling Club Rear of the Castle Inn Church Hill Hurst Reading Berkshire RG10 0SJ

Exemptions from Disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

There are no funds held on behalf of others.

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)
David Edward Main	Chairman	18/11/2023 – 16/11/2024	Membership
Michael John Rees	Trustee	18/11/2023 – 16/11/2024	Membership
David Henry Ashley	Trustee	15/05/2022 – 16/11/2024	Membership
Eric Bowes	Trustee	15/05/2022 – 16/11/2024	Membership
John Leslie Jarvis (deceased)	Secretary	15/05/2022 – 13/06/2024	Membership
John Hargreaves Reddihough	Secretary (co-opted)	01/09/2024 – 16/11/2024	Membership

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Signature		
Full name	David Edward Main	John Hargreaves Reddihough
Position	Chairman	Secretary
Date		

HURST BOWLING CLUB

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2024 for the year ended 30 September 2024

2023		2024	
£	INCOME	£	£
6,970	Membership Fees	7,659	
3,739	Match fees	3,797	
713	Match Raffles & Spider	1,020	
150	Competitions, club & county	187	
2,439	Grants, Donations, Refunds	2,015	
1,033	Sales	566	
4,495	Fundraising	1,412	
2,715	Internal Club events; Dinner, AGM.	3,961	
960	Interest + Other	1,388	
2,254	Rebuild project	9,333	
25,468			31,338
	EXPENDITURE		
2,831	Green Maintenance	4,217	
2,319	General Expenditure	1,897	
819	Catering	593	
1,260	Utilities	2,177	
579	Affiliation Fees	781	
845	Insurance	880	
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-	Capital spend	4,090	
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BALANCE SHEET as at 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

£	LIABILITIES	£
112,424	Fund Balance B/F:	126,005
13,581	Overall Surplus (Deficit) in the year	(12,284)
126,005	Fund Balance C/F	113,720
	Funds C/F as splits:	
21,707	Operating fund	24,557
93,298	Buildings sinking fund	76,163
11,000	Machinery sinking fund	13,000
126,005	Total C/F funds	113,720
	ASSETS	
93,298	Bank Reserve A/C	94,666
32,626	Bank Current A/C	18,954
81	Cash in Hand	100
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	Debtors/Payments in Advance	
126,005	Less Sundry Creditors	113,720

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Velasquez Baddigba FCA

Date:

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