

GROOMBRIDGE SPORTS GROUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1199763

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-07-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF GROOMBRIDGE AND IT'S SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES BY THE PROVISION, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF GROOMBRIDGE SPORTS GROUND AND ITS FACILITIES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FOOTBALL, SCHOOL AND VILLAGE SPORTS AND TENNIS.

Activities: The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Groombridge and its surrounding communities by the provision, maintenance and management of Groombridge Sports Gound and its facilities, in particular but not exclusively for activities such as football, school and village sports and tennis.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£5,994	£9,850	-	-
2023-11-30	£851	£888	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
STEVEN JAMES	Chair	2022-03-22
David Charles Rose		2022-03-24
Nicholas Allan		2022-03-24
Penelope Lucy James		2022-03-24
Peter George Lawne		2022-09-27
Richard Andrew John Phillips		2022-03-24

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Accounts

1. The new executive management team have exercised their new roles and responsibilities in ensuring the efficient operation of the sports ground and its facilities.

2. Fundraising plans have been discussed and will be planned for future years. Promotion of the sports ground to the village and parish members is ongoing.

3. Communication and involvement with the major users and supporters of Groombridge Sports Ground has been effective:

We continue to work closely with Langton Green Football Club resulting in an increase in the number of pitch hiring opportunities for the football club.

Groombridge Tennis Club committee continue to be supportive and complete appropriate ground maintenance issues such as hedging and grass cutting.

St Thomas School continue to use the grounds and facilities on an ad hoc basis for specific sporting events such as the school's sports days for different age groups.

Withyham Parish Council continues to be supportive of the activities of Groombridge Sports Ground. Due to increasing budgetary pressures on the council, a charge for grass cutting is now levied on the sports ground which will be kept under review.

4. Ground and Facilities Maintenance

Regrettably flooding is becoming a repetitive issue and as a result some ditch clearing has been undertaken.

The repainting of the sports pavilion is planned for next year.

Discussions are underway with Wild Groombridge who will be doing some exploratory work on the possibility for re-wilding of the peripheral, river bank and border areas of the sports ground.

The car park continues to be well used by users of the grounds and the nearby country footpaths. The request for donations for the use of the car park is a possible source of maintenance funds which is under review.

Regular cleaning of the pavilion is undertaken as necessary.

5. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

**GROOMBRIDGE SPORTS GROUND CIO
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024**

**£
Year ended
30.11.24**

INCOME

Membership, lease and land fees	4,035
Grants	16
Interest	203
Donation from WPC for grass mowing	600
Other Income	1,140

5,994

EXPENDITURE

Water Rates and Electricity	(630)
Waste Disposal	(373)
Insurance	(1,328)
Grass Mowing	(900)
Pavilion & Ground Maintenance	(985)
Pavilion Expenses	(104)
Legal Expenses	(2,045)
Depreciation	(3,485)

(9,850)

(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

(3,856)

BALANCE SHEET

30.11.24

Fixed Assets	65,776
Cash Reserves	12,253
Designated Cash Reserve for pavilion maintenance	14,750
	92,779

Current Assets and Liabilities

Debtors	0
Less: Creditors and receipts in advance	(1,093)
Net	(1,093)

Net Assets

91,686

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Balance at the beginning of the year	95,542
Income statement Surplus/(Deficit) to 30/11/2024	(3,856)
Balance	91,686

Of which:

Unrestricted Reserves	76,936
Designated Reserves	14,750
	91,686

£
2 months
to 30.11.23

416
16
0
159
260

851

(113)
0
0
(159)
0
0
0
(616)

(888)

(37)

30.11.23

69,262
12,379
14,750

96,391

0
(849)

(849)

95,542

95,579
(37)

95,542

80,792
14,750

95,542

GROOMBRIDGE SPORTS GROUND CIO

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

1 Opening balance sheet

The opening balance sheet of Groombridge Sports Ground CIO (GSG) as at 1 December 2023 follows the period to 30 November 2023; its first as an incorporated charity

2 Accounting policies

GSG has prepared the accounts to 30 November 2024 using the accruals method accounting.

3 Charitable information

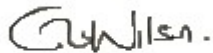
GSG operates the Tanyard (as commonly known) as a space for sporting activities for the local community. It has two football pitches, a pavilion, storage shed and car park.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 November 2024. As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 130 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Commission for Charities in England under the Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in the course of my examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect (i) accounting records do not accord with section 130 of the Act or (ii) the accounts do not accord with the accounting records. I have not identified across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Graham Wilson.

Graham Wilson FCA, 27 Orchard Rise, Groombridge TN3 9SA
28-Mar-25

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Accounts

In the presentation at the Annual general Meeting, the Chair explained to those present that the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was set up on 25th July 2022 and it had taken a considerable length of time to go through the legal process of transferring the assets from the unincorporated association, Groombridge Sports Ground Association, to the CIO.

This was finalised at the end of August 2023 with the assistance of lawyers, Thomson Snell & Passmore (TS&P) and involved transferring land held by trustees of GSGA, an unincorporated organisation to Groombridge Sports Ground (GSG) a CIO. A new bank account was set up for GSG in September 2023 and all the assets and liabilities were transferred from GSGA to GSG. There were no gains or losses for GSGA and the transfer was made in accordance with the dissolution clause of GSGA.

On the financial side the final accounts of (GSGA-the unincorporated association) were completed for a 21 month period ending 30 September 2023. Groombridge Sports Ground (GSG) CIO has been operational since 1 October 2023 and the first committee meeting for it was held on 30 October 2023.

The first accounting period for the CIO will cover the period from 25/07/2022 to 30/11/23 but the CIO was operational only from 01/10/2023 to 30/11/2023

**GROOMBRIDGE SPORTS GROUND CIO
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
2 MONTHS ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**

£

30.11.23

INCOME

Membership, lease and land fees	416
Grants	16
Donation from WPC for grass mowing	159
Other Income	260
	<u>851</u>

EXPENDITURE

Grass Mowing	159
Water Rates and Electricity	113
Depreciation	616
	<u>888</u>

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

(37)

BALANCE SHEET

30.11.23

Fixed Assets	69,262
Bank Balances	12,379
Designated Cash reserve for pavilion maintenance	14,750
	<u>96,391</u>

Current Assets and Liabilities

Debtors	0
Less: Creditors and receipts in advance	(849)
Net	<u>(849)</u>

Net Assets

95,542

Unrestricted Funds transferred from Groombridge Sports Ground Association on 1.10.2023	95,579
Deficit in the two months to 30.11.2023	(37)
Balance	<u>95,542</u>

Of which:

Unrestricted Reserves	80,792
Designated Reserves	<u>14,750</u>

Independent Examination of the Accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the 2 months ended 30.11.23. As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the 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 (i) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or (ii) the accounts do not accord with the accounting records. 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

Caroline

date

8 January 2024

Notes

a) Opening balance sheet

The opening balance sheet of Groombridge Sports Ground - (GSG and charitable incorporated company) comprises the assets and liabilities of Groombridge Sports Ground Association (GSGA). GSGA, now dormant, is an unincorporated organisation which occupied the Tanyard as well as the pavilion, shed and car park. GSGA provided sports facilities for use by local residents.

2) Accounting Policies

GSG has prepared the accounts to 30th November 2023 using the accrual method of accounting.