

Charity Number: 1202084



Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

For the period ended 31 December 2023

For

Luton Town Bowling Club

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From 24 02 2023

To 31 12 2023

The name of the charity is the Luton Town Bowling Club. The Club was formed in 1906. It became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 24 February 2023 having previously been a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC). In 2021 the Club moved from the green in Bowling Green Lane, Luton to share the facility at the Ashcroft Road Recreation Ground with the Ashcroft Bowling Club.

Objectives

The objectives are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in Luton and surrounding areas by the provision of facilities for the playing of flat green bowls. To use bowls as a tool to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the members and those who spectate.

Activities

Membership of the Club is open to anybody who wishes to play bowls. Membership entitles them to play in matches organised by the Club or roll-ups. During the 2023 season the Club played friendly matches against other Clubs and entered the Bedfordshire County League, the Luton and District League and the Luton and District Monday Night Triples League. The Club and individuals also entered Bowls England and Bowls Bedfordshire competitions. There was also a Club Night with casual bowling for existing and new members.

Achievements and Performance

In 2023 we completed the rebuilding of the banks at on 2 opposite sides of the green. They had become uneven and potentially dangerous with potential trip hazards in a number of places. They were rebuilt to Bowls England specification. Work on the playing surface continued with the reward of being host to the County finals at the end of July. The club had good success in that there were 3 separate county finalists and 2 of those played in the National finals at Leamington in August. Membership numbers remained constant but with the continued work within the club and improvements to the playing surface there have already been 6 new male and 1 new female member for 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

The Club is affiliated to Bowls England and Bowls Bedfordshire.

The Club's governing document is the constitution adopted in November 2022. It became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 24 February 2023.

The constitution requires there to be at least three Trustees who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Committee of the Club from among Full or Honorary Members who are willing to be so appointed. A Trustee shall hold office for a maximum term of ten years, or until they resign by notice in writing given to the Committee or until a resolution removing them from office be passed at a meeting of the Committee by a majority comprising two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote. New trustees are expected to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. New trustees also read the Charity Commission publication "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know". The Trustees in 2023 are listed on Page 2.

The Officers of the Club shall be Full Members of the Club and shall consist of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain, Match Secretary, Bar Committee Representative, Social Committee Manager, Bowling Green Manager and 2 committee members. Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for the period of election, retiring at the end of the period of election. All Officers of the Club shall be eligible for re-election to the same office or another office at the end of their current period of election.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: Luton Town Bowling Club

Registered Charity Number: 1202084

Registered Address: Ashcroft Road Recreation Ground, Luton, LU2 9AD

Club Secretary: E Swann Email: eddieswann@ymail.com Mobile: 07831 509576

Trustees:

David Frost (Chair)

Rollie Cawdell (resigned 3 July 2023)

James Allen (appointed 3 July 2023)

Robert Bennett

Bank:

Barclays Bank UK PLC Leicester LE87 2BB.

Solicitors:

Gisby Harrison Solicitors, Goffs Oak House, Goffs Lane, Goffs Oak, Hertfordshire EN7 5HG

Risk Management

The club adheres to the Safeguarding Policy of Bowls England and ensures that all the contents are communicated to members and clearly displayed within the club premises for members and visitors. The Club has a Welfare Officer who has attended a Safeguarding Course and has a certificate.

In the short term the risks to a shortfall in funding are minimised by the Reserves held. Internally, procedures are in place for the authorisation of expenditure and the receipt of moneys. Cash books and Bank statements are reconciled monthly.

Financial Review

The CASC bank balance of £15,855 was transferred to the CIO on 24 February 2023. The income for the 10 months to 31 December 2023 was £16,096 and the expenditure was £11,737 leaving a bank balance at 31 December 2023 of £20,214. The income included a grant of £5,000 from the Bedfordshire and Luton Community Fund to level the bowling green and buy equipment to improve the playing surface.

The Receipts and Payment Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the 10 months are included on pages 5 and 6.

Investment policy

Monies not needed for short-term use are placed on deposit at the bank.

Reserves policy

The reserves at 31 December 2023 were £20,214 representing 16.2 months of future expenditure. The target is 9 months of future expenditure which is £11,250.

Future strategy

The Club is currently sharing the green with Ashcroft Bowling Club who lease from Luton Borough Council. An application has been made to Luton Borough Council for a 25-year Asset Lease in the name of Luton Town Bowling Club. For the 2024 season Ashcroft members have also become members of Luton Town. Once the new lease is signed Ashcroft Bowling Club will be dissolved and the assets will be transferred to Luton Town Bowling Club.

Facility improvements during 2024.


During the Winter/Spring of 2023/24 the club has renovated the pavilion and changing rooms with the replacement of some of the lighting fixtures, painting all the various internal walls and doors and "de-cluttered" all unwanted and un-used furniture and accessories to give more room and light in all areas.

Declaration

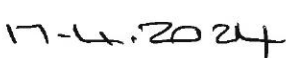
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full name: 

Position: Chair

Date: 

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Luton Town Bowling Club

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity Number 1202084

Set out on Pages 5 and 6

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 19.4.24

Name: MATT BOUSSEY

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LUTON TOWN BOWLING CLUB	Charity Number
	1202084

Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the period from 24 February 2023 to 31 December 2023

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts				
Transfer of Funds from Luton Town CASC	15,855			15,855
Subscriptions	615			615
Match Income	1261			1,261
Competition Fees	440			440
Sale of Clothing etc	84			84
Sponsorship	550			550
100 Club Draw	720			720
Ashcroft Bowling Club Donation	2540			2,540
Government & Local Grants	0	5,000		5,000
Social Events Profit	490			490
Bar Sales	4005			4,005
Sundry Income	92			92
Investment Interest	74			74
Total Receipts	26,726	5,000	0	31,726
Payments				
Catering	976			976
Ashcroft Social Membership	340			340
Insurance (Contents & Liability)	710			710
Green: Maintenance	232	3,200		3,432
Green: New Equipment	157	1,000		1,157
Green: Machinery - Service & Repairs	173	800		973
Building Repairs & Decoration	923			923
Bar Purchases	1210			1,210
Bar Equipment	95			95
Legal Fees	660			660
Clothing Purchases	588			588
Printing & Signage	360			360
Sundry Expenses	88			88
Total Payments	6,512	5,000	0	11,512
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,214	0	0	20,214
Cash funds last year end	0	0	0	0
Cash funds this year end	20,214	0	0	20,214


LUTON TOWN BOWLING CLUB
Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2023

Details	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Cash funds			
Bank: Current Account	7,783		
Bank: Business Saver Account	12,355		
Petty Cash	76		
Total cash funds	20,214	0	0

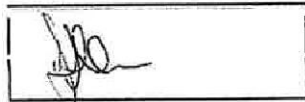

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current Value
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Bar Stock	Unrestricted	450	450

Examiner's Report

I have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Receipts and Payments Accounts of the Luton Town Bowling Club for the 10 months ending 31 December 2023. In my opinion they show a true and correct view of the Club's affairs in accordance with the books and documents produced to me

Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval
	MATT BONSEY	19.4.24

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval
	JIM ALLEN	21.4.24
	BOB BENNETT	21/4/24