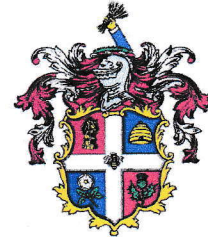


Charity Number: 1202084



Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
For the period ended 31 December 2025
For
Luton Town Bowling Club

LUTON TOWN BOWLING CLUB CHARITY NUMBER: 1202084

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

From 01 01 2025

Period end date

To 31 12 2025

The name of the charity is the Luton Town Bowling Club. The Club was formed in 1907. 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 organized by the Club or roll-ups. During the 2025 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 2025 we continued the refurbishment of the pavilions and changing rooms via deep clean and repainting. The council very kindly replaced both pavilion roofs at some expense and they are now sound and watertight. The green suffered in 2025 due to the council delaying the the start up of the watering system coinciding with the very hot weather last 2 weeks and first 3 weeks of April. Work could not be done to establish the surface in the correct manner and so it was not at its best for the season.

Membership numbers remained constant and there are already new members set up for 2026

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)

James Allen

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.

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Financial Review

The club has continued to be run prudently with any expenses over £500 per item needing approval from both the Chairman and the Treasurer. The income for the 12 months to 31 December 2025 was £13,483 and the expenditure was £15,826 leaving a bank balance at 31 December 2025 of £19,386

The Receipts and Payment Account for the 12 months is 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 as at 31 December 2025 were £19,386 representing 15 months of future expenditure, compared to the target of 9 months of future expenditure

Future strategy

The Club have shared 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 the members of Ashcroft became full time members of Luton Town.

Once the new lease is signed hopefully in 2026 Ashcroft Bowling Club will be dissolved and the assets will be transferred to Luton Town Bowling Club.

Facility improvements during 2025.

During the Winter/Spring of 2025/26 the club continued its work on improving the hedgerows and surrounds of the bowling green, cutting back overgrown parts of the perimeter fencing, updating signage, while the council has repaired damaged guttering as a condition of agreeing a new lease.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full name : DAVID FROST

Position: Chair

Date: 22/4/2026

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 2025

Charity Number 1202084

Set out on Pages 5 and 6 of the accounts.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2025

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: 23.3.26

NAME: MATT BONSEY

ADDRESS: 19 THE BELFRY
LUTON
LU2 7GA

Receipts and Payments Accounts For the year ended 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Receipts				
Subscriptions	2,755		2,755	2,200
Match Income	1,394		1,394	1,934
Competition Fees	584		584	445
Sale of Clothing etc	263		263	324
Sponsorship	1,010		1,010	912
100 Club Draw	1,272		1,272	1,248
Ashcroft Bowling Club Donation	1,751		1,751	1,800
Social Events Profit	399		399	0
Bar Sales	3,027		3,027	4,733
Sundry Income	593		593	352
Investment Interest	435		435	127
Total Receipts	13,483	0	13,483	14,075

Payments

Affiliation Fees	474		474	463
Competition Fees	766		766	626
Catering	860		860	838
Ashcroft Social Membership	320		320	340
Insurance (Contents & Liability)	849		849	786
Green: Maintenance	3,483		3,483	4,737
Green: New Equipment	5,994		5,994	190
Green: Machinery - Service & Repairs	576		576	1,161
Building Repairs & Decoration	272		272	367
Bar Purchases	1,284		1,284	2,315
Bar License Fees	80		80	0
Clothing Purchases	220		220	0
100 Club Draw	470		470	455
Sundry Expenses	178		178	282
Total Payments	15,826	0	15,826	12,560

Net of receipts/(payments)

	-2,343	0	-2,343	1,515
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Cash funds last year end

	21,729	0	21,729	20,214
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Cash funds this year end

	19,386	0	19,386	21,729
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LUTON TOWN BOWLING CLUB
Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2025

Cash funds

Barclays Bank: Current Account	7,951
The Charity Bank: Savings Account	11,435
Total cash funds	19,386

Details	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £

Assets retained for the charity's own use

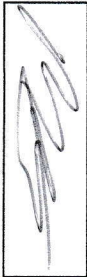
Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current Value
Bar Stock	Unrestricted	100	100
Bowls Clothing	Unrestricted	300	300

Examiner's Report
 I have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Receipts and Payments Accounts of the Luton Town Bowling Club for the year ending 31 December 2025. 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



M. BENNETT

23.3.26

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of Approval



R. BENNETT

23/3/26



J ALLEN

24/3/26