



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 7 July 2023 **Period start date** to 30 April 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: Thunder IHC

Charity registration number: 1203887

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 in particular by the provision of hired facilities, coaching and game structure for the playing of ice hockey
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	The program includes the following free provisions: ice time, coaching and training, games, equipment and away travel. Additionally, we now have in place a development pathway linking the junior club and Thunder IHC, involving a structured process, taking into account each young player's experience, ability, and aspirations. This approach also considers the needs of both the junior and senior teams. Collaboration with local schools and community groups
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are extremely grateful for the countless hours that our clubs' volunteers have spent assisting us on game days. Without their invaluable time, energy and enthusiasm, we would have struggled to achieve our objectives.
Other		

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>For the 2023–2024 season, Thunder Ice Hockey Club collaborated with school PTAs to help them raise vital funds aimed at enriching students' experiences. We also welcomed more young players from the MK Storm Junior Club, providing them with valuable training and playing opportunities. With a growing number of neurodiverse players, our volunteers made a concerted effort to educate themselves and one another, on creating a safe and inclusive environment, while making reasonable adjustments to support their needs. All volunteers working directly with players have undergone DBS checks, as well as training in first aid, safeguarding, and GDPR compliance.</p> <p>To support our players, we provided free coaching, ice time, travel for away games, and healthy food. Where possible, we also supplied equipment and helped with kit maintenance, ensuring that financial barriers did not prevent participation. All players registered with the junior club are also given a complimentary season ticket, which allows them free entry into all home games.</p> <p>NHS staff continue to receive discounted entry to our games and we have also donated free tickets and jerseys for raffle prizes to support other charities. In addition, tickets were distributed to families and individuals facing financial difficulties, ensuring that more people could enjoy the sport.</p> <p>This season, we proudly participated in Pride Week, making a stand that our sport is for everyone.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position of the club is exactly as we expected from our first year as a charity. We are satisfied that we've had sufficient funds to operate our activities and will continue to do so in subsequent years. Unforeseen financial issues we came across, were our title (main sponsor) pulling out last minute, following a change in their management, which left us with no time to find another. Secondly, additional charges (per each home game) were introduced by our landlord for 'utility costs', which came about due to the cost of living crisis. Our game season ends during March, with a couple of training sessions/trials taking place in April. Plans are also in place to grow our merchandise sales and streaming platform, which appears to be growing in popularity with both away and home fans.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold very little reserves throughout the closed season. There are no unexpected costs coming in between the months of April and end of July/beginning of August. Existing sponsors/donors, along with new, tend to pledge their support during the months of July and August. Others pledge their support continually throughout the season, ensuring we can continue to support our young players throughout.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£384
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
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	No concerns. Before deciding to become a charity, Thunder as a club, had been in operation for over 20 years.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Sponsorship and donations. Game day ticket sales and online sales. Collaboration with schools and community groups to sell tickets to pupils and their families, on the clubs behalf, in exchange for a percentage going to the school PTA. Own & Loan on player shirts, where fans pay upfront for a players home or away shirt and are presented with them at the end of season awards night. Live streaming of our home games, using a ticket platform that pays funds directly into the club account.
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted 27 June 2023
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Trustees are appointed, or reappointed, at the Annual General Meeting in July.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Thunder Ice Hockey Club
Other name the charity uses	MK Thunder
Registered charity number	1203887
Charity's principal address	1 South Row, Elder Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 1DL

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)
1	Lauren Cox	Chair		
2	Kim Blackwell			
3	Julie Hollinshead			
4	Nicola Cox			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Lauren Cox	
Full name(s)	LAUREN NICOLA COX	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	28/2/25	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
THUNDER IHC

No (if any)
1203887

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
06/07/2023

To

Period end date
30/04/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sponsorship & Donations	17,939	-	-	17,939	-
Other Charitable Activities	14,747	-	-	14,747	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Balance carried over	687	-	-	687	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33,373	-	-	33,373	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,373	-	-	33,373	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	32,989	-	-	32,989	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	32,989	-	-	32,989	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,989	-	-	32,989	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	384	-	-	384	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	384	-	-	384	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	384	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	384	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lauren Cox	LAUREN COX	28/2/25



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

THUNDER ICE HOCKEY CLUB

On accounts for the year
ended

30 APRIL 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1203887

Set out on pages

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(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 DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

ALASDAIR BARROW

Date:

27.02.25

Name:

ALASDAIR BARROW

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

6 STATHAM PLACE

OLDBROOK

MILTON KEYNES MK6 2HD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.