

Welford Sportsfield Association

Charity Registration Number: 295158

Trustees Annual Report

For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

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c. The address of the principal office is:

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During the year the charity received a grant of £16,139 which was designated for use towards the cost of replacing and improving the patio area outside the clubhouse. The total cost of these works is just over £20,000, the majority of which was paid during the 2024 financial year.

f. Structure, governance and management

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2. Review of the Year

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and the Association. In total, we recorded a small surplus for 2024, which is excellent considering we incurred significant repair costs for our mowing equipment as it limps towards the end of its useful life.

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Approved by the Management Committee on XX February 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Designated Funds £	2024 Contingency Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Incoming Resources					
Grants	0	16,139	0	16,139	0
Donations and Sundry Sales	6,460	0	0	6,460	2,051
Profits from Fundraising Events	7,619	0	0	7,619	6,473
Bank Interest	913	0	0	913	265
Total Incoming Resources	14,992	16,139	0	31,131	8,789
Expenditure					
Ground Expenses	2,567	0	0	2,567	4,338
Repairs and Renewals	2,109	16,139	0	18,248	5,744
Light & Heat	1,312	0	0	1,312	1,068
Internet	396	0	0	396	560
Water Rates	192	0	0	192	267
Licence Fees	370	0	0	370	379
Business Rates	181	0	0	181	161
Insurance	1,156	0	0	1,156	1,131
Cleaning	1,809	0	0	1,809	1,287
Depreciation	1,620	0	0	1,620	1,764
Waste Collection	764	0	0	764	0
Sundry Expenses	1,986	0	0	1,986	339
Total Expenditure	14,462	16,139	0	30,601	17,038
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	530	0	0	530	(8,249)
Accumulated Fund					
Fund balance at start of year	134,463	0	8,000	142,463	150,712
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources	530	0	0	530	(8,249)
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Fund balance at end of year	134,993	0	8,000	142,993	142,463

Balance Sheet at 31 December

	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Tangible Fixed Assets				
Land & buildings				
At cost	200,244		200,244	
Less: Grants received	(104,596)		(104,596)	
		95,648		95,648
Equipment				
Cost brought forward	49,004		41,259	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(34,748)		(33,128)	
Add: Cost of additions	326		7,745	
		14,582		15,876
Current Assets				
Bank current accounts	2,513		1,665	
Bank deposit accounts	30,250		29,274	
	32,763		30,939	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	0		0	
Net Current Assets		32,763		30,939
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		142,993		142,463
Represented by:				
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