

**PURITON PLAYING FIELDS CHARITY NO. 296549**  
**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

We held our last AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019. We were due to hold the 2020 AGM when Covid-19 regulations came into force and the Sports Centre closed. We were able to survive lockdown with the help of a grant of £25,000 from Sedgemoor District Council.

We reopened again in September 2020 after lockdown restrictions eased. Throughout the remainder of the pandemic, although rules have varied, sports activities for children and young people were allowed to continue, so we were able to put our facilities to good use.

Before Puriton Bowling Club reopened in September 2021, we obtained a grant from Sport England that enabled us to install a ventilation system in the bowls and the Sports Hall. We had a few teething problems with this, in the form of leaks from the pipework in heavy rain. But the installers, MBH, returned a couple of times to fix these.

Since lockdown, we have lost a few hirers (yoga, equestrian fitness), but gained some more (Zumba, fitness, dance fit). The Parish Council also meet at the Sports Centre as the Village Hall cannot not accommodate them on Tuesday evenings.

One great achievement has been the opening of the J'Dan Pump Track, on a piece of ground between the football pitches held on licence by Puriton Parish Council. The legal formalities for the licence were time-consuming, but most villagers agree that it was worth it in the end. One important and welcome spin-off of the Pump Track has been the opening of the J'Dan Café in what used to be the Committee Room. Originally opened under the auspices of the Parish Council, the café is now run by an independent community group. It has opened at weekends during the warmer months and has linked up with Victoria Rangers FC to supply players and spectators during the football season. As soon as it was legal to do so, the Pump Track Group held an extremely successful opening event on the fields with stalls, refreshments and entertainment.

Since our last AGM, we have lost some trustees. Sue Wood moved to Oxfordshire to be near her children and grandchildren and Dawn Saunders decided to devote her considerable talents to the Parish Council. We are extremely grateful for their contribution to the charity. We sadly lost one extremely valuable trustee, Colin Foy, who passed away in 2019. Colin was always ready to turn his hand to anything that needed doing, including removing a faulty roundabout from the playground, sorting out our master keys and making those enormous key fobs, and climbing on the roof to plug leaks.

We are, however, delighted to welcome two new trustees, Nicky Chapman, our new treasurer, and Ian Henderson, who joined us through his involvement with the Pump Track Group and the Café.

Puriton Playing Fields

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021

Receipts and Payments

Receipts	Total	Last year	Payments	Total	Last year
	£	£		£	£
Bowls	2,144.00	2,250.00	Gas	2,523.17	6,278.64
Archery	1,232.00	2,012.00	Electricity	1,461.29	3,547.08
Football	1,803.80	962.40	Water	33.48	346.15
Boxing	60.00	216.00	Phone	-	-
Youth Club	-	-	Postage & Stationery	7.80	35.37
Function Room	992.75	1,631.20	Repairs & Maintenance	3,937.38	6,707.83
Happy Tots	-	100.80	Waste & Cleaning	2,021.50	4,672.65
Sports Hall	1,192.30	428.40	Playground	-	20.00
IT/Committee Room	3.90	219.00	Prof Fees & Subs	155.00	-
Phone Mast	4,515.56	4,515.56	Grass & Grounds	1,610.95	1,559.65
Pay Phone	-	-	Equipment	-	160.99
Donations	318.00	1,140.76	Insurance	2,499.50	2,181.38
VAT Refund	1,530.98	1,319.85	VAT	2,858.56	-
Grants	18,558.00	25,732.72	Business Rates	323.43	1,247.40
Table Tennis	-	-	Sports Centre Refurbishment	5,299.00	9,806.21
Muga Refurbishment	-	-	Misc	357.04	40.00
Misc	1,004.67	290.32			
Total Receipts	33,355.96	40,819.01	Total Payments	23,088.10	36,603.35

Total Invoices less Total Payments (Surplus/Deficit for the year)	10,267.86
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Reconciliation	£
Total funds brought forward from last year	73,222.89
Plus receipts (actual amounts received)	33,358.36
Less Payments	37,483.29
Carried forward to 2021	69,097.96

Reconciliation of final bank balance to bank statement	-	£
Bank statement closing balance at year end	70,773.57	
Plus amounts paid in but not cleared	-	
Less cheques issued but not cleared	1,675.61	
Less any cheques still uncleard from previous years	-	
Total	69,097.96	

If you enter up to date bank statement figure in J43 then you can see if it balances - J40 should agree with J47

From Receipts - should equal C/F and final total	70,773.57	0
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# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

*To the Trustees of the Puriton Playing Fields (Charity No. 296549)*

The Trustees of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility as an Independent Examiner appointed by the Trustees to examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Acts, to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

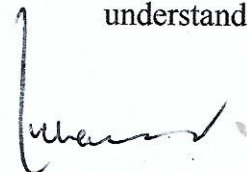
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Association and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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18<sup>th</sup> October 2022