

Puriton Playing Field Committee

Reg. Charity 296549

Annual Report 2023

This was the year when Puriton Sports Centre was set up as a CIO, although due to certain formalities not being completed, we have continued to trade under the charity Puriton Playing Field Committee. The setting up of the CIO was undertaken on the advice of the Big Local (Villages Together) and their consultant, as a condition of them providing a grant for the lift, website, and other minor improvements. The conversion to a CIO has somewhat complicated the charity's administration, but we are assured that it will make it easier to obtain grants and to become a 'strategic facility for the Polden Hills'.

The lift should help us to increase our income as it makes the first floor accessible to all (it is to be installed in February 2024). However, we are still hampered by other problems with the building, including leaks in the roof, the floor in the sports hall, and perennially blocked toilets.

Income from hiring our facilities has been kept up, and we have a thriving indoor bowls club, junior football club, boxing club and archery clubs.

We could certainly benefit from having more trustees, in particular active trustees who can share the work of running the charity. We have now engaged a self-employed book-keeper who is preparing our accounts for a small monthly honorarium.

March 4th 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023

Receipts and Payments

Invoices issued during year	Total £	Last year £
Bowls	8,203.50	5,500.00
Archery	2,688.00	2,905.60
Foorball	1,500.00	2,370.40
Boxing	554.40	866.40
Youth Club	448.00	50.40
Function Room	2,791.66	3,245.85
Happy Tots	446.25	273.60
Sports Hall	1,553.25	1,959.00
IT/Committee Room	0.00	363.30
Phone Mast	4,515.56	4,515.56
Pay Phone	0.00	1,572.00
Donations	20.00	3,315.33
VAT Refund	3,518.32	2,890.00
PC Grant	1,450.00	2,890.00
Grass & Grounds	0.00	932.90
Licences	150.00	0.00
Shal Housing	36,728.63	0.00
Café	117.80	0.00
Misc	70.00	1,574.30
Total Receipts	64,755.37	35,224.64

Payments made during year	Total £	Last year £
Gas	10,641.90	4,766.40
Electricity	3,020.50	3,337.66
Water	87.91	219.87
Postage & Stationery	0.00	20.56
Repairs & Maintenance	7,417.02	9,990.30
Waste & Cleaning	5,590.69	4,090.85
Prof Fees & Subs	5,387.41	354.00
Grass & Grounds	9,144.67	3,310.07
Equipment	790.06	145.97
Insurance	3,592.34	3,139.95
Business Rates	0.00	633.60
Sports Centre Refurbishment	28,469.05	11,201.84
Misc	242.02	2,423.43
VAT	8,373.39	5,785.42
Total Receipts	82,756.96	49,419.92

Reconciliation

	£
Total funds brought forward from last year	57,844.33
Plus receipts (actual amounts received during year)	67,148.55
Less Payments (actual payments made during year)	84,700.92
Closing Bank Balance at the end of the year	40,291.96

Reconcillation of final bank balance to bank statement

	£
Bank statement closing balance at year end	40,291.96
Plus 2023 invoices not paid	2,428.70
Less 2023 cheques issued not banked	645.97
Total	42,074.69

Opening Bank Balance

£57,844.33

Closing Bank Balance

£40,291.96

Loss for year

£17,552.37

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

To the Trustees of the Puriton Playing Field Committee (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 Acthave 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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