

Blunham Sports and Social Club (BSSC)

England & Wales · Charity number 300009

Details

Other names	BLUNHAM PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION, RECREATION GROUND, BLUNHAM, Blunham Sports and Social Club (BSSC)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-10-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address Blunham Pavilion
Barford Road
Blunham
Bedford
MK44 3ND

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Activities

Objects: RECREATION GROUND.

Activities: The charity continues the management of the Blunham playing fields for recreational use on behalf of the public and the villagers of the parish of Blunham, Bedfordshire. This includes the development of facilities including the completed childrens play area and also the development of a new pavillion for members and sporting clubs.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BLUNHAM
- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£69,625	£51,365	-	-
2023-12-31	£55,009	£50,897	-	-
2023-02-28	£41,428	£51,064	-	-
2022-02-28	£46,699	£44,125	-	-
2021-02-28	£12,808	£17,290	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Kennedy		2022-05-17
Julian Forbes Laird		2022-05-17
Max Aaron Hurst		2022-05-17
Neil Martin Wildon		2024-01-17
Richard Westhead		2019-04-22
Stuart Robert Tweedale		2024-01-17

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	January	2024	To	31	December	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Blunham Sports and Social Club (BSSC)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

300009

Charity's principal address

Blunham Pavilion	
Barford Road	
Blunham	
Postcode	MK44 3ND

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	Max Hurst	Co-Chairperson		
2	Richard Westhead	Co-Chairperson		
3	Neil Wildon	Treasurer		
4	Stuart Tweedale	Secretary		
5	Mark Thacker	BPC Rep		
6	Julian Forbes-Laird			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a period of one year through election at the BSSC's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Each nomination must be proposed and seconded and the election must be agreed at the AGM by support of a simple majority of eligible attendees according to the governance document. All Trustees are requested to sign a declaration document to confirm that they are not disqualified for acting as a trustee based on the Charity Commission pro-forma.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>The BSSC provides a trustee's handbook to all trustees written as a guide in carrying out their responsibilities and legal documentation. This includes the BSSC constitution and policies covering equal opportunities, membership, Health and Safety and Child Protection. Additional training dependant on requirements is provided on request and with the agreement of trustees through attendance at applicable workshops.</p> <p>The charity maintains close links with many local organisations with positions on the committee provided for the Parish Council, Blunham Cricket Club and Blunham Youth Football Club and through consultation within the village.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

As set out in the BSSC's governing document, the aim and objectives of the Charity are to establish a Sports and Social Club that promotes and organises sporting, recreational, and social activities for the benefit of Blunham residents, Association members, affiliated organisations, and their guests.

Furthermore, the BSSC aims to create and maintain facilities that support the activities of the Charity, reflecting the needs and preferences of Blunham residents and its stakeholders.

During the course of the year the charity continued to develop the facilities available and provide social events.

In delivering recreational and sporting activities the play area, sporting facilities and playing fields are provided free with access for the enjoyment of all.

Blunham Playing Fields has continued to be maintained to a high level standard thanks to volunteers and local contractors, making it suitable to host county cricket matches, football matches and school sports days.

The Pavilion on Blunham Playing Fields is advertised for hire to groups and individuals from the village and surrounding areas, and has been use by local businesses for corporate events, the County Council as a polling booth, individuals for private parties/events and local sports / recreational clubs.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

BSSC would like to express its gratitude for the help and support it has received from trustees, volunteers, villagers, sports clubs and the Parish Council who give up countless hours of voluntary service. Without this support it would not be possible for the Charity to provide and develop the facilities on Blunham Playing Fields and put on events such as Blunham's Annual Fireworks Night and community music festivals / family days such as Party In The Park.

The BSSC has also begun investigating potential avenues for grant funding, such as The National Lottery, in order to secure investment to enhance the current facilities.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**Events:**

The BSSC carried out several events during the period of January – December 2024, including:

- **80th Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration** – Street Party Event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings which took place on 6th June 1944. The day included 40s themed music and refreshments.
- **Party In The Park 2024** – a vibrant, family-friendly music festival held at Blunham Playing Fields. The event brings together residents and visitors from the local community for a day of live music, food / drink vendors, and family-friendly activities (e.g. funfair rides).
- **Blunham's Annual Fireworks Night 2024** – Event held each autumn, which brings together the local community to watch a fireworks display. The event also contains live music, local food / drinks vendors and activities for children of all ages.

All events engaged the wider community and were put on with the support of many local organisations, such as Blunham Village Hall, Blunham Parish Council, St Edmunds or St James Church, The Horseshoes Pub, Blunham Football Club and Blunham Cricket Club.

Grant Funding:

The BSSC secured **£16,504** in grant funding from The National Lottery, these funds were secured to invest in the following:

- New Pavilion Awnings x2 : £5574
- 12x Picnic Tables: £5256
- CCTV System: £1554
- Supply and fit 10x lights down driveway: £1620
- Internal Cabinets: £2500

These upgrades will help create a safer, more inclusive space for community interaction and events.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy for reserves remains to retain one year's operating costs on an ongoing provision with additional restricted funds for capital projects.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The 2024 Accounts were independently audited and verified by Qualified Accountant (ATT) Kim McGregor.

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	M A Hurst	
	R Westhead	
Full name(s)	Max Aaron Hurst	
	Richard Westhead	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Co-Chairpersons	

Date 10/10/2025



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/12/2024	To	31/12/2024
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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					
Membership	-	-	-	-	465
Donations	-	-	-	-	600
Bar	25,068	-	-	25,068	37,436
Cricket Club Subscription	4,350	-	-	4,350	1,450
Football Club Subscription	650	-	-	650	650
Play Area	-	-	-	-	-
Pavilion	2,270	-	-	2,270	587
Fundraising Events (Note 1)	18,108	-	-	18,108	12,583
Interest on Bank Accounts	-	-	-	-	26
Grants	16,879	-	-	16,879	-
Field	2,300	-	-	2,300	1,212
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	69,625	-	-	69,625	55,009
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	69,625	-	-	69,625	55,009
A3 Payments					
Bar	19,264	-	-	19,264	25,749
Field	12,228	-	-	12,228	6,677
Football	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	4,557	-	-	4,557	4,837
Insurance	504	-	-	504	2,657
Pavilion Upkeep	2,271	-	-	2,271	2,686
Events	11,454	-	-	11,454	6,627
Miscellaneous	1,087	-	-	1,087	1,664
Donations to Charities	-	-	-	-	-
Grant Spend (note 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	51,365	-	-	51,365	50,897
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Benches	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,365	-	-	51,365	50,897
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,260	-	-	18,260	4,112
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,998	-	-	15,998	11,886
Cash funds this year end	34,258	-	-	32,258	15,998

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	Current Account	34,258	-	-
	Deposit Account	-	-	-
	Business Premium Account	-	-	-
	Cash in Hand	-	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balance with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	34,258	-	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Pavilion and Internal Furnishings		114,912	140,000
	Laminator		50	-
	Bar Stock		-	250
	Fridge		500	-
	PA/Karaoke Machine		300	-
	Picnic Benches		4,991	-
	Defibrillator		1,975	-
	BMX Shelter		2,106	-
	BBQ		432	-
	Amplifier		150	-
	Oven		120	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Richard Westhead Max Hurst	

Note 1 - Breakdown of main fundraising events

	Current	Last Year
Fireworks	12,169	7,198
Party in the Park	4,889	2,610
D Day	1,050	-
Misc	-	2,775
	18,108	12,583

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
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Section A Reference and administration details

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Blunham Sports and Social Club (BSSC)

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Charity's principal address

36a Barford Road
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 Bedfordshire
Postcode **MK44 3NA**

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	Neil Grice	Chair	01/01/2023-05/12/2023	
2	Max Hurst	Acting Co-Chair	05/12/2023-31/12/2023	
3	Richard Westhead	Acting Co-Chair	05/12/2023-31/12/2023	
4	Mark Thacker	BPC Rep		
5	Ian Kennedy	BPC Rep		
6	Clair Graham	Secretary	01/03/2023-06/09/2023	
7	Steve Feely		01/03/2023-30/05/2023	
8	Julian Forbes-Laird			
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To create a Sports and Social Club through which we promote and organise sporting activities, recreation, and social activities to benefit the residents of Blunham, members of the Association and affiliated organisations and guests.

To develop suitable amenities for these activities in line with the wishes of residents of Blunham and members.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During the course of the year the charity continued to develop the facilities available and provide social events.

In delivering recreational and sporting activities the play area, sporting facilities and playing fields are provided free with access for the enjoyment of all.

The playing field has continued to be maintained to a high level suitable to host county cricket matches, football matches and school sports days.

The pavilion is provided for hire to groups and individuals from the village and surrounding areas, and has seen use by local businesses, County Council for meetings and voting

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

BSSC would like to express its gratitude for the help and support it has received from volunteers, villagers, sports clubs and the Parish Council in order for us to continue to provide and develop the playing fields and putting on events such as the Fireworks and Party In The Park. The BSSC could not provide this service without the continued support of the village and local residents

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The BSSC carried out several events during March 2023 – December 2023, including:

- A Coronation Lunch in celebration of the coronation of King Charles III.
- Party In The Park
- Blunham's Annual Fireworks Night.

All events engaged the wider community and were put on with the support of many local organisations, such as Blunham Village Hall, Blunham Parish Council, St Edmunds or St James Church, The Horseshoes Pub, Blunham Football Club and Blunham Cricket Club.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy for reserves remains to retain one year's operating costs on an ongoing provision with additional restricted funds for capital projects.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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This reporting period covers 1st March 2023 – 31st December 2023. The Charity has agreed to change its financial reporting period from March-February to January-December; in order to do this it requires to report on a shortened period as a one off adjustment.

Section F

Other optional information

Neil Martin Grice stood down as BSSC Chair following an EGM on 5th December 2023. Following this decision Max Aaron Hurst and Richard Westhead took over the roles of Acting Co-Chairs to provide stability to the Charity until the next AGM.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	M A Hurst	
	R Westhead	
Full name(s)	Max Aaron Hurst	
	Richard Westhead	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Acting Co-Chairs	

Date 09/05/2024



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Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/03/2023	To	31/12/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	465	-	-	465	50
Donations	600	-	-	600	-
Bar	37,436	-	-	37,436	26,565
Cricket Match Subscriptions	1,450	-	-	1,450	4,634
Football Match Subscriptions	650	-	-	650	-
Play Area	-	-	-	-	-
Pavilion	587	-	-	587	50
Fundraising Events (Note 1)	12,583	-	-	12,583	8,229
Interest on Bank Accounts	26	-	-	26	2
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Field	1,212	-	-	1,212	1,898
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55,009	-	-	55,009	41,428
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	55,009	-	-	55,009	41,428
A3 Payments					
Bar	25,749	-	-	25,749	24,203
Field	6,677	-	-	6,677	2,915
Football	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	4,837	-	-	4,837	3,700
Insurance	2,657	-	-	2,657	2,641
Pavilion Upkeep	2,686	-	-	2,686	2,462
Events	6,627	-	-	6,627	13,250
Miscellaneous	1,664	-	-	1,664	168
Donations to Charities	-	-	-	-	1,725
Grant Spend (note 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	50,897	-	-	50,897	51,064
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Benches	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	50,897	-	-	50,897	51,064
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,112	-	-	4,112	- 9,636
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,886	-	-	11,886	21,522
Cash funds this year end	15,998	-	-	15,998	11,886

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	Current Account	13,503	-	-
	Deposit Account	2,244	-	-
	Business Premium Account	1	-	-
	Cash in Hand	250	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,998	-	-

(Please provide details of any payments to or from bank account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Pavilion and Internal Furnishings		114,912	140,000
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	Amplifier		150	-
	Oven		120	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Neil Grice	

Note 1 - Breakdown of main fundraising events	Current	Last Year
Bonfire Night	7,198	8,229
Party in the Park	2,610	-
Celebration Lunch	1,500	-
Christmas	1,275	-



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Blunham Sports & Social Club (BSSC)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2023 **Charity no
(if any)** 300009

Set out on pages

1 & 2
(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 31/12/2023.

**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.

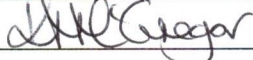
**Independent
examiner's statement**

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: 

Date: 09/05/2024

Name: Kim McGregor

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

Qualified Accountant - AAT

Address:

10 Laxton Close
Eaton Ford
St Neots PE19 7AR

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.

None

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year

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Other names charity is known by

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Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a period of one year through election at the AGM. Each nomination must be proposed and seconded by a current member of the BSSC and the election must be agreed at the AGM by support of a simple majority of eligible adult attendees according to the governance document. All Trustees are requested to sign a declaration document to confirm that they are not disqualified for acting as a trustee based on the Charity Commission pro-forma.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>The BSSC provides a trustee's handbook to all trustees written as a guide in carrying out their responsibilities and legal documentation. This includes the BSSC constitution and policies covering equal opportunities, membership, Health and Safety and Child Protection. Additional training dependant on requirements is provided on request and with the agreement of trustees through attendance at applicable workshops.</p> <p>The charity maintains close links with all organisations with positions on the committee provided for the Parish Council, Blunham Cricket Club and Blunham Youth Football Club and through consultation within the village.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To create a Sports and Social Club through which we promote and organise sporting activities, recreation, and social activities to benefit the residents of Blunham, members of the Association and affiliated organisations and guests.

To develop suitable amenities for these activities in line with the wishes of residents of Blunham and members.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During the course of the year the charity continued to develop the facilities available and provide social events.

In delivering recreational and sporting activities the play area, sporting facilities and playing fields are provided free with access for the enjoyment of all.

Due to the continued maintenance and effort the BSSC members the playing field has continued to be maintained to a high level suitable to host county cricket matches.

Due to the success of the youth football we continuing to rent the paddock area that adjoins the field.

The pavilion is provided for hire to groups and individuals from the village and surrounding areas, and has seen use by local businesses, County Council for meetings and voting.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The BSSC would like to express its gratitude for the help and support it has received from volunteers, villagers, sports clubs and the Parish Council in order for us to continue to provide and develop the playing fields and putting on events such as the Fireworks and Party In The Park. The BSSC could not provide this service without the continued support of the village and local residents.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The BSSC carried out several events during 2022/2023, such as Blunhamfest, Fireworks and the Christmas Lights Switch on; these events engaged the wider community and were put on with the support of many local organisations, such as the Village Hall, Parish Council, Church, The Horseshoes Pub, Blunham Football Club and Blunham Cricket Club.

Fundraising this year across the events has been successful in ensuring the necessary funding to enable the charity to maintain a financially secure level of funding to meet the increased ongoing maintenance costs of the facilities and to provide funds to support future developments.

Invested in youth football goals and secure lockup for Blunham Youth Football Club to ensure their equipment was stored safely. This allowed Blunham Cricket Club to have its own lockup, opening up more space for clubs to buy further equipment.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy for reserves remains to retain one year's operating costs on an ongoing provision with additional restricted funds for capital projects.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	N Grice	
Full name(s)	Neil Grice	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	01/11/2023	



Blunham Sports & Social Club		300009		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/03/2022	To	28/02/2023	

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					
Membership	50	-	-	50	650
Donations	-	-	-	-	1,005
Bar	26,565	-	-	26,565	22,872
Cricket Match Subscriptions	4,634	-	-	4,634	2,900
Football Match Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	1,225
Play Area	-	-	-	-	-
Pavilion	50	-	-	50	716
Fundraising Events (Note 1)	8,229	-	-	8,229	6,140
Interest on Bank Accounts	2	-	-	2	2
Grants	-	-	-	-	8,000
Field	1,898	-	-	1,898	3,189
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,428	-	-	41,428	46,699
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,428	-	-	41,428	46,699
A3 Payments					
Bar	24,203	-	-	24,203	18,008
Field	2,915	-	-	2,915	5,658
Football	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	3,700	-	-	3,700	4,076
Insurance	2,641	-	-	2,641	2,374
Pavilion Upkeep	2,462	-	-	2,462	8,960
Events	13,250	-	-	13,250	3,801
Miscellaneous	168	-	-	168	198
Donations to Charities	1,725	-	-	1,725	1,050
Grant Spend (note 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	51,064	-	-	51,064	44,125
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Benches	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,064	-	-	51,064	44,125
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,636	-	-	- 9,636	2,574
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,522	-	-	21,522	18,948
Cash funds this year end	11,886	-	-	11,886	21,522

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	Current Account	8,031	-	-
	Deposit Account	2,222	-	-
	Business Premium Account	1,383	-	-
	Cash in Hand	250	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,886	-	-
	account(s)	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Pavilion and Internal Furnishings		114,912	140,000
	Laminator		50	-
	Bar Stock		-	250
	Fridge		500	-
	PA/Karaoke Machine		300	-
	Picnic Benches		4,991	-
	Defibrillator		1,975	-
	BMX Shelter		2,106	-
	BBQ		432	-
	Amplifier		150	-
	Oven		120	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	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
		Neil Grice		

Note 1 - Breakdown of main fundraising events

	Current	Last Year
Bonfire Night	8,229	6,140



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Blunham Sports & Social Club (BSSC)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

28/02/2023	Charity no (if any)	300009
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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 28/02/2023.

**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.

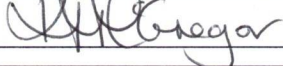
**Independent
examiner's statement**

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: 

Date: 29/05/2023

Name: Kim McGregor

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

Qualified Accountant - AAT

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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.

None

Blunham Sports and Social Club (BSSC)

England & Wales - Charity number 300009

Accounts

Secretary's / Chair's Report

I have written a report as the secretary and as is appropriate for such a meeting and I have met with Mark, who until 10 minutes ago, was our interim chair, and he is happy for me to present this report from his chair perspective as well as the secretary's perspective. Let's have a look back over the last year and a look to the future as well...

Our last AGM was in April 2021, online on Zoom, I don't remember anyone other than the trustees being present. We were deep in lockdown in the early spring again of course, but the rules became more lenient in the late spring of 2021 and we were able to fully utilise our newly built outdoor bar and open our facilities to our sports associations... The BCC, Blunham Youth Football, Xcel Fitness, to other associations and regular users such as... Sandy Astronomical Society and The Young Farmers association and to those wishing to hire the premises and finally to those simply wishing to use the beautiful park! We also had the 2020 Euros in the summer of 2021, and we were delighted to be able to show some of the matches here live and we thank community members and trustees who made that possible. We always have been and always will be a charity with a wide ranging and diverse group of users and we are proud to do so.

In the early autumn we hosted our inaugural Dog Show – which was fantastic and was fantastically attended, we raised a large amount of money for The Hospice at Moggerhanger. Further into autumn we hosted a brilliant Halloween party which I know was thoroughly attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Then of course, it was fireworks, which, despite some controversies, some mistakes, some difficulties and challenges, lots of discussions and debates, despite all this, it went ahead successfully raising close to £1000 if I remember rightly.

In December, our previous chair of 12 years resigned from the committee as did Mike, our vice chair, Alice our bar manager and all-round events planner! And so did 4 other trustees... so 7 in total leaving a group of 9 trustees, 3 sports association representatives / unelected trustees and our Parish Council trustee. Mark Zwetsloot took on the chair role on an interim basis and we closed for the winter.

We opened again in the spring and came together as a smaller group, but that wasn't a bad thing. Although not long after we resumed meeting together, Jo, another trustee resigned to focus on other areas of her life and we wished her well.

Around this time – February, we began recruiting for a new chair. We put a formal process in place, advertised, did a bit of head hunting and had lots of meetings and discussions with those interested and semi-interested... but more on that in a moment.

March now and we began to talk as a group about the jubilee celebrations, the constitution and, importantly, the roles and responsibilities that needed covering and now, as a much smaller committee, we all had to take on an area of responsibility. Sarah remained as treasurer, I remained as secretary, Sydney took on the bar 'manager' responsibility, Shelley the communications and social media, Lauren and Clare a hotchpotch of responsibilities including the bins and procurement (carpets, Wi-Fi and cleaners being some of the main items under this heading)!

We've been together as a new committee for just a few months and I'm really proud of how we work together as a team, how we have rebuilt the roles and responsibilities, how the handover of all the utilities, insurances and fundamentals to running a small charity has been cohesive and smooth – well apart from a few bumps in the road with Veolia our bin collectors! But we'll get there. We've

all learned so much about running a small charity and upholding our purposes and in my opinion, we have been lucky to be part of group of exceptionally hardworking, skilled and positive individuals – who don't always agree – but are solution focused, communicate effectively and I'm sure those staying or those newly elected are excited to bring back big events and make sure we absolutely fulfil our purposes.

So, what does the next year entail for the BPFA? Hopefully a new chair in the very immediate future, our ROSPA report is due in a month or so and the grounds team are managing this for us and making the necessary amendments to meet its approval.

We have the jubilee celebrations coming up of course in just a few weeks, we won't be doing party in the park this year as it is traditionally held in June and our priority, rightly, will be on jubilee celebrations that month.

But in terms of big events, the dog show will be returning! The Halloween party may too! And now that we're much freer from pandemic restrictions – let's get those Gin and, Cider and Sausage nights back up and running!

But looking more strategically at what we'd like to achieve in the next year and again, this has been written with the outgoing interim chair's approval ... we hope to grow as a committee, we are always canvassing for new trustees and will continue to do that. But we are also very interested in building and strengthening particular teams – in particular a fundraising and events team.

Some committee members and I have also started planning a thorough and strategic marketing strategy around the use of the facilities, the events and functions here at the facilities and of the ways you can get involved. We've grown as a village in the last few years – and our reach, our offer, our methods of communication and our service needs to match this.

There are a few smaller, and quite immediate things, that we want to implement in the coming months namely: CCTV, new flooring, Wifi and a new cleaner who is starting imminently but hopefully the bigger picture of the BPFA's next year is in fact to... celebrate a return to normality in a post covid society, ensure our offer is wide and caters for *all* the residents of Blunham, collaborate with local businesses new and old and truly be at the heart of our lovely village. It's a new era of the BPFA and we, as current trustees are excited to see it.

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Blunham Playing Fields Association

On accounts for the year
ended

28/02/2022

Charity no
(if any)

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Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of AAT.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 from the trustees 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.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

05/05/2022

Name:

Kim McGregor

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

Qualified Accountant - AAT

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE