

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2024		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)	<p>Trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a period of one year through election at the BSSC's Annual General Meeting (AGM).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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



Blunham Sports & Social Club		300009		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/12/2024	To	31/12/2024	

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
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 (agree balance with receipts and payments account(s))	34,258	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	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	-

	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