

Bere Regis Sports Club

England & Wales · Charity number 301100

Details

Other names	PLAYING FIELD AND RECREATION GROUND BERE REGIS, BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-10-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: PLAYING FIELD AND RECREATION GROUND.

Activities: The Charity acts as local manager of the recreation ground at Bere Regis, responsible for the day to day management and upkeep of both the field and buildings on site, bound by the terms of a Deed of Dedication, agreed with 'Fields in Trust'. The objects of the club are to support social, recreational and sporting activities at the ground.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF BERE REGIS.
- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£47,326	£36,920	-	-
2023-09-30	£40,291	£39,277	-	-
2022-09-30	£32,540	£24,989	-	-
2021-09-30	£38,952	£60,933	-	-
2020-09-30	£76,936	£69,578	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW CHARLES KENT	Chair	
ALAN DEREK GREEN		2011-09-17
PETER JOHN CHEESEMAN		

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Trustees Annual Report for Year Ending September 2024

Introduction

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The current trustees are Peter Cheeseman, Alan Green and Andrew Kent. Trustees are elected by the management committee and serve for an unspecified term, while the management committee is elected at the AGM.

Statement regarding reserves

Despite the easing of inflation over recent months, overheads continue to rise. We've managed to increase income however, mainly through an increase in membership and consequent turnover. Experience has also shown that potential funders are more likely to fund organisations which are able to demonstrate sustainability, and mindful of that, as well as the potential costs of updating club buildings and facilities when necessary, the Trustees and Management Committee maintain the resolve to keep cash assets at a reasonably high level while, at the same time being prepared to spend as necessary in order to maintain the field and the buildings in good order. Considering the cost of some major pieces of equipment, both within the club buildings and for field maintenance, the trustees and committee continue to hold the opinion that it is prudent to keep a minimum of 4% of the value of club buildings reserved for maintenance/potential replacement purposes and current estimates put this figure alone above £30,000. Much of our hardware and equipment is reaching an age where maintenance costs will rise and potential need for replacement increases, in an economic climate where grants cannot always be relied upon as a source of finance.

The trustees remain confident that the charity is financially viable in both the short and medium-term, but any major outlay necessary as a result of the pressure mentioned in the previous paragraph, could threaten that viability.

Higher interest rates in recent years have enabled us to take advantage of our existing cash assets and even to allow some relaxation of our policy that a considerable proportion of those cash assets should maintain high liquidity, with some now placed in 'notice accounts'. We are confident that the amounts involved still allow us to respond quickly to changes in circumstances, as well as be in an advantageous position to take opportunities to upgrade facilities further should external funding become available which requires a certain degree of self-funding. The trustees remain open minded about using other methods of investment in the future, should suitable opportunities arise.

Annual Report

The trustees once again report that the recreation ground and associated buildings have been maintained to good standard throughout the year and that regular maintenance has been undertaken.

The trustees continue to keep in mind possibilities for further developments, including the building a Multi-Use Games Area which could be used for both our own training sessions and for hire to other groups. At this point in time though, no major developments are planned for the immediate future, although some smaller projects may be possible should grants for such be awarded.

We continue to keep a close eye on the development plans submitted by Godwin Developments for the field opposite the Shell filling station, as well as potential housing development in the immediate area. The trustees objected to the initial plans for a 'service station' style development because of the conflict between our own objects as a charity and those of the fast-food outlets being proposed, as well as the potential car parking issues likely to be caused by local customers not wanting to drive around the by-pass and to avoid access via the roundabout and the increased security risks posed both by the increased amount of traffic to the north end of North Street and the apparent elevated position of the proposed development overlooking the recreation ground. We will look closely at any plans for housing adjacent to the ground in terms of additional traffic and potential car parking issues, as well as potential 'ball strike' issues from the cricket square.

A new 'risk' identified this year is that the trees on the highway side of the eastern boundary fence have grown into the fence itself, threatening the stability of the structure. The cost of repair, or even replacement of the fence, which protects the highway from cricket balls, will be far greater than the cost of any work to cut the trees back and this is something we've alerted Dorset Council/highways of and await their response.

Our role within the wider community remains an important element of our work, but a severe downturn in income generated by the decrease in use of the old clubhouse reported last year, remains a concern. The expense of maintaining the old clubhouse is currently greater than income generated from it, a situation which we must carefully consider. Attempts to rectify this by finding new regular user groups are being made, but without success to date. Should that remain the situation over the longer term, an alternative strategy may become necessary.

The trustees are pleased to report on an organisation in a healthy state and one which is continuing to achieve its aims and objectives as a community-based organisation, although a close eye must be kept on the potential risks listed above.

Andrew Kent
Peter Cheeseman
Alan Green

Trustees, September 2024

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
FIELD ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure a/c
YEAR END 2023/2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023
<u>INCOME</u>		
Football Club	£2,160.50	£2,852.02
Junior Football	£8,227.08	£5,916.06
Cricket Club	£12,410.89	£6,707.35
Golf Tournament	£690.00	£2,620.00
Cricket Grant	£0.00	£6,835.00
Clubhouse rental	£1,635.00	£2,185.00
Junior Cricket	£3,370.60	£2,044.69
Rent	£11,250.00	£4,500.00
Bank interest	£4,472.94	£937.99
Membership	£1,777.09	£1,715.69
ROGS Membership	£200.00	£200.00
Sundry Donations	£0.00	£40.00
Senior Football Grant	£0.00	£3,713.00
Misc	£52.00	£24.00
Cricket Vice Presidents	£1,080.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£47,326.10	£40,290.80
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Football Club	£1,637.19	£2,420.93
Cricket Club	£8,561.38	£2,129.35
Six-a-side Tournament	£0.00	£0.00
Ground Maintenance	£5,392.93	£3,188.83
Film Licence	£0.00	£150.00
Ground Equipment	£470.67	£0.00
Plant/equipment repairs	£813.87	£316.31
Fuel	£647.01	£648.33
Club repairs/improvements	£6,177.17	£5,439.88
Membership scheme	£0.00	£51.39
Youth Cricket	£1,631.29	£874.38
Donations	£0.00	£0.00
Website	£48.00	£62.40
Insurance	£2,268.18	£2,243.36
Defib Costs	£79.20	£77.99
Land purchase	£0.00	£900.00
Postage/stationery	£0.00	£29.94
Sundry expenses	£116.16	£71.09
Golf event	£0.00	£1,489.60
Cleaning	£1,525.00	£1,850.00
Junior Football	£7,501.71	£4,331.61
Cricket Artificial	£0.00	£8,052.00
Snr Football Fence	£0.00	£4,950.00
Electricity Old Club	£50.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£36,919.76	£39,277.39
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	£10,406.34	£1,013.41

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

FIELD ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet

YEAR END 2023/2024

	30/09/2024	30/09/2023
	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Santander	£15,298.79	£9,241.49
Cash	£2.06	£125.96
Co Op account	£5.61	£5.61
Loan to Bar acc	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
United Trust Bank	£84,826.33	£80,353.39
Total Assets	£101,332.79	£90,926.45
 <u>Funds</u>		
Funds brought forward	£90,926.45	
Surplus/Deficit	£10,406.34	
TOTAL FUNDS	£101,332.79	

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25th July 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bere Regis Sports Club

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bere Regis Sports Club (BRSC) for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report - As the charity trustees 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 BRSC accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: DEAN MERRITT

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Statement regarding reserves

Overheads continue to rise, particularly against the background of the highest inflation figures for several decades. Income, particularly from lettings, has slowed as the 'cost of living' forces people to consider their spending on non-essentials and thus leisure activity. Experience has also shown that potential funders are more likely to fund organisations which are able to demonstrate sustainability. Mindful of all this, as well as the potential costs associated with not just maintaining, but updating club buildings and facilities when necessary, the Trustees and Management Committee have resolved to maintain cash assets as high as possible, both in order to continue operations in the event of any further downturn in activity. Considering the cost of some major pieces of equipment, both within the club buildings and for field maintenance, the trustees and committee continue to hold the opinion that it is prudent to keep a minimum of 4% of the value of club buildings reserved for maintenance/potential replacement purposes and current estimates put this figure alone above £30,000. Much of our hardware and equipment is reaching an age where maintenance costs will rise and potential need for replacement increases, in an economic climate where grants cannot always be relied upon as a source of finance.

The trustees remain confident that the charity is financially viable in the short-term, but any major outlay necessary as a result of the pressure mentioned in the previous paragraph, could threaten that viability.

On a brighter note, higher interest rates have enabled us to take advantage of our existing cash assets in line with our policy that a considerable proportion of those cash assets should maintain high liquidity, enabling the management committee to respond quickly to changes in circumstances, as well as be in an advantageous position to take opportunities to upgrade facilities further should external funding become available which requires a certain degree of self-funding. With this in mind, some cash is currently held in a 12-month bond and some in a 200-day notice

account. The trustees remain open minded about using other methods of investment in the future, should suitable opportunities arise.

Annual Report

The trustees are pleased to report that the recreation ground and associated buildings have again been maintained to good standard throughout the year and that regular maintenance has been undertaken, including a check of all electric wiring and equipment.

The trustees continue to keep in mind possibilities for further developments, including the building a Multi-Use Games Area which could be used for both our own training sessions and for hire to other groups. At this point in time though, no major developments are planned for the immediate future, although some smaller projects may be possible should grants for such be awarded.

We continue to keep a close eye on the development plans submitted by Godwin Developments for the field opposite the Shell filling station, as well as potential housing development in the immediate area. The trustees objected to the initial plans for a 'service station' style development because of the conflict between our own objects as a charity and those of the fast-food outlets being proposed, as well as the potential car parking issues likely to be caused by local customers not wanting to drive around the by-pass and to avoid access via the roundabout and the increased security risks posed both by the increased amount of traffic to the north end of North Street and the apparent elevated position of the proposed development overlooking the recreation ground.

Our role within the wider community is well established and continues to grow, but a severe downturn in income generated by the use of the old clubhouse is the consequence of several regular user-groups discontinuing, leaving on the rainbows/brownies group and the Women's Institute as regular users now. The expense of maintaining the old clubhouse is greater than income generated from it, a situation which we must carefully consider. Attempts to rectify this by finding new regular user groups are being made, but without success to date. Should that remain the situation over the longer term, an alternative strategy may become necessary.

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FIELD ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure a/c
YEAR END 2022/2023

	2022/2023	2021/2022
<u>INCOME</u>		
Football Club	£2,852.02	£3,199.17
Junior Football	£5,916.06	£2,674.16
Cricket Club	£6,707.35	£7,117.38
Golf Tournament	£2,620.00	£1,937.00
Cricket Grant	£6,835.00	£0.00
Clubhouse rental	£2,185.00	£2,874.00
Junior Cricket	£2,044.69	£1,758.74
Rent	£4,500.00	£10,250.00
Bank interest	£937.99	£414.40
Membership	£1,715.69	£1,939.18
ROGS Membership	£200.00	£200.00
Sundry Donations	£40.00	£176.18
Senior Football Grant	£3,713.00	£0.00
Misc	£24.00	£0.00
TOTAL	<u>£40,290.80</u>	<u>£32,540.21</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Football Club	£2,420.93	£2,982.17
Cricket Club	£2,129.35	£4,779.92
Six-a-side Tournament	£0.00	£0.00
Ground Maintenance	£3,188.83	£2,983.07
Film Licence	£150.00	£0.00
Ground Equipment	£0.00	£938.37
Plant/equipment repairs	£316.31	£0.00
Fuel	£648.33	£604.16
Club repairs/improvements	£5,439.88	£2,254.72
Membership scheme	£51.39	£44.56
Youth Cricket	£874.38	£672.35
Donations	£0.00	£213.81
Website	£62.40	£14.40
Insurance	£2,243.36	£2,388.24
Defib Costs	£77.99	£0.00
Land purchase	£900.00	£360.00
Postage/stationery	£29.94	£18.50
Sundry expenses	£71.09	£82.30
Golf event	£1,489.60	£1,574.00
Cleaning	£1,850.00	£1,920.00
Junior Football	£4,331.61	£3,158.30
Cricket Artificial	£8,052.00	£0.00
Snr Football Fence	£4,950.00	£0.00
TOTAL	<u>£39,277.39</u>	<u>£24,988.87</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>£1,013.41</u>	<u>£7,551.34</u>

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

FIELD ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet

YEAR END 2022/2023

	30/09/2023	30/09/2022
	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Santander	£9,241.49	£22,079.54
Cash	£125.96	£413.49
Co Op account	£5.61	£5.61
Loan to Bar acc	£1,200.00	£0.00
United Trust Bank	£80,353.39	£67,414.40
Total Assets	£90,926.45	£89,913.04
 <u>Funds</u>		
Funds brought forward	£89,913.04	
Surplus/Deficit	£1,013.41	
TOTAL FUNDS	£90,926.45	

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19th June 2024

Dear Andy,

Thank you for asking me as past Captain, Vice-President, Committee member of Bere Regis Sports Club to analyse the accounts for Ber Regis Sports Club for 2022/23.

I have diligently checked your paperwork and agree with its figures and outcomes.

Whilst writing, I must congratulate you and your committee for all the hard work that you have put in again over the past twelve months.

Yours faithfully



Dean Merritt

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Statement regarding reserves

Experience has shown that potential funders are more likely to fund organisations which are able to demonstrate sustainability. Mindful of this, as well as the significant overheads associated with the club buildings and facilities, the Management Committee have resolved to maintain cash assets as high as possible, both in order to continue operations in the event of a downturn in activity and to fund further future developments that are deemed desirable. Mindful of the cost of some major pieces of equipment within the club buildings the trustees and committee continue to hold the opinion that it is prudent to keep a minimum of 4% of the value of club buildings reserved for maintenance purposes and current estimates put this figure alone above £25,000. The replacement of ground maintenance equipment would also be expensive and grants cannot always be relied upon as a source of finance.

Despite depletion of cash assets caused by the enforced purchase of the southern part of the recreation ground, closely followed by months of inactivity because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the trustees remain confident that the charity remains financially viable for the foreseeable future.

The trustees continue to hold the opinion that a considerable proportion of the cash assets should maintain high liquidity, enabling the management committee to respond quickly to changes in circumstances as well as be in an advantageous position to take opportunities to upgrade facilities further as they arise. To that end, some cash is 'invested' in an instant access savings account. Beyond this though, the trustees are also mindful of the potential effects of inflation at a time when interest rates are historically low and while some funds are held in a one-year bond the trustees remain open minded about using other methods of investment in the future. A mix of investment types will allow flexibility as well as maintaining a firm financial base.

Annual Report

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A close eye will be kept on the development plans submitted by Godwin Developments for the field opposite the Shell filling station. The trustees objected to the initial plans because of the conflict between our own objects as a charity and those of the fast-food outlets being proposed, as well as the potential car parking issues likely to be caused by local customers not wanting to drive around the by-pass and to avoid access via the roundabout and the increased security risks posed both by the increased amount of traffic to the north end of North Street and the apparent elevated position of the proposed development overlooking the recreation ground.

Our role within the wider community is well established with the old clubhouse regularly used as a meeting place for local groups, including the Women's Institute, the rainbows/brownies group, pilates classes, Dorset County Council Fostering Unit team and Weightwatchers, all of which have restarted their activities.

The trustees are pleased to once again, report on an organisation in a healthy state and one which is continuing to achieve its aims and objectives as a community based organisation.

Andrew Kent
Peter Cheeseman
Alan Green

Trustees, September 2022

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
FIELD ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure a/c
YEAR END 2021/2022

	2021/2022	2020/2021
<u>INCOME</u>		
Football Club	£3,199.17	£2,373.54
Junior Football	£2,674.16	£2,675.22
Cricket Club	£7,117.38	£5,582.43
Golf Tournament	£1,937.00	£440.00
Six-a-side Tournament	£0.00	£0.00
Clubhouse rental	£2,874.00	£1,370.00
Junior Cricket	£1,758.74	£2,797.51
Rent	£10,250.00	£18,000.00
Bank interest	£414.40	£1,551.15
Membership	£1,939.18	£761.83
ROGS Membership	£200.00	£0.00
100 Club	£0.00	£0.00
Fund Raising Group	£0.00	£0.00
Sundry Donations	£176.18	£40.00
Covid Granta	£0.00	£3,300.00
Electricity(Bar Account)	£0.00	£60.00
TOTAL	£32,540.21	£38,951.68
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Football Club	£2,982.17	£2,182.35
Cricket Club	£4,779.92	£1,731.87
Six-a-side Tournament	£0.00	£0.00
Ground Maintenance	£2,983.07	£2,006.63
Loan Repayments	£0.00	£43,574.73
Ground Equipment	£938.37	£145.14
Plant/equipment repairs	£0.00	£284.20
Fuel	£604.16	£439.77
Club repairs/improvements	£2,254.72	£3,958.54
Membership scheme	£44.56	£37.81
Youth Cricket	£672.35	£1,698.63
Donations	£213.81	£0.00
Website	£14.40	£62.40
Insurance	£2,388.24	£2,096.50
Electricity changing rooms	£0.00	£619.97
Land purchase	£360.00	£0.00
Postage/stationery	£18.50	£0.00
Sundry expenses	£82.30	£52.27
Golf event	£1,574.00	£0.00
Cleaning	£1,920.00	£620.00
Junior Football	£3,158.30	£1,376.48
S Cooper Clock	£0.00	£26.10
TOTAL	£24,988.87	£60,933.39
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	£7,551.34	-£21,981.71

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

FIELD ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet

YEAR END 2021/2022

	30/09/2022	30/09/2021
	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Santander	£22,079.54	£44,456.33
Cash	£413.49	£434.76
Co Op account	£5.61	£470.61
Loan to Bar acc	£0.00	£0.00
United Trust Bank	£67,414.40	£37,000.00
Total Assets	£89,913.04	£82,361.70
 <u>Funds</u>		
Funds brought forward	£82,361.70	
Surplus/Deficit	£7,551.34	
Sub Total	£89,913.04	
 TOTAL FUNDS	 £89,913.04	

Mr A Kent

Chairman, Bere Regis Sports Club

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6th July 2023

Dear Andy,

Thank you for asking me as past Captain, Vice-President & Committee member of Bere Regis Sports Club to analyse the accounts for Bere Regis Sports Club for 2021/2022.

I have diligently checked your paperwork and agree with its figures and outcomes.

Whilst writing, I must congratulate you and your committee for all of the hard work that you have put in over the past twelve months, especially in these challenging and unusual times.

Your faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean Merritt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dean Merritt

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The current trustees are Peter Cheeseman, Alan Green and Andrew Kent. Trustees are elected by the management committee and serve for an unspecified term, while the management committee is elected at the AGM.

Statement regarding reserves

Experience has shown that potential funders are more likely to fund organisations which are able to demonstrate sustainability. Mindful of this, as well as the significant overheads associated with the club buildings and facilities, the Management Committee have resolved to maintain cash assets as high as possible, both in order to continue operations in the event of a downturn in activity and to fund further future developments that are deemed desirable. Mindful of the cost of some major pieces of equipment within the club buildings the trustees and committee continue to hold the opinion that it is prudent to keep a minimum of 4% of the value of club buildings reserved for maintenance purposes and current estimates put this figure alone above £25,000. The replacement of ground maintenance equipment would also be expensive and grants can't always be relied upon as a source of finance.

Despite depletion of cash assets caused by the enforced purchase of the southern part of the recreation ground, closely followed by months of inactivity because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the trustees remain confident that the charity remains financially viable for the foreseeable future.

The accounts show that funds used for the purchase of the southern part of the field were borrowed from two of the trustees. This was because the trustees didn't want to access the cash invested in the two-year bond only a few weeks before that purchase became necessary, a move that would have incurred a penalty for early withdrawal. This loan has now been repaid.

The trustees continue to hold the opinion that a significant proportion of the cash assets should maintain high liquidity, enabling the management committee to respond quickly to changes in circumstances as well as be in a good position to take opportunities to upgrade facilities further as they arise. To that end, some cash is 'invested' in an instant access savings account. Beyond this though, the trustees are

also mindful of the potential effects of inflation at a time when interest rates are historically low and while some funds are held in a one-year bond the trustees remain open minded about using other methods of investment in the future. A mix of investment types will allow flexibility as well as maintaining a firm financial base.

Annual Report

The trustees are pleased to report that the recreation ground and associated buildings have again been maintained to good standard throughout the year and that regular maintenance has been undertaken, despite the continued challenges presented by Covid-19 restrictions. The gradual lifting of restrictions has seen a return to action for all teams based at the club.

The trustees continue to keep in mind possibilities for further developments, including the building a Multi-Use Games Area which could be used for both our own training sessions and for hire to other groups. At this point in time though, no major developments are planned for the immediate future, although some smaller projects may be possible should grants that have been applied for be awarded.

Our role within the wider community is well established with the old clubhouse regularly used as a meeting place for local groups, including the Women's Institute, the rainbows/brownies group, Dorset County Council Fostering Unit team and Weighwatchers, all of which have restarted their activities.

The trustees are pleased to once again, report on an organisation in a healthy state, despite the challenges produced by the last eighteen months, and one which is continuing to achieve its aims as a community based organisation.

Andrew Kent
Peter Cheeseman
Alan Green

Trustees, September 2021

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
FIELD ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure a/c
YEAREND 2020/21

	2020/21	2019/20
INCOME		
Grants Covid	£0.00	£3,880.00
Football Club	£2,373.54	£4,404.08
Junior Football	£2,675.22	£3,493.90
Cricket Club	£5,582.43	£4,140.00
Golf Tournament	£440.00	£0.00
Six-a-side Tournament	£0.00	£0.00
Clubhouse rental	£1,370.00	£2,178.00
Junior Cricket	£2,797.51	£174.24
Donations inc S Cooper	£40.00	£880.00
Fund Raising Group	£0.00	£0.00
Loans	£0.00	£42,000.00
Rent	£18,000.00	£12,750.00
Interest	£1,551.15	£1,520.65
Membership	£761.83	£904.43
Junior six a sides	£0.00	£0.00
ROGS Fees	£0.00	£611.00
100 Club	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£38,951.68	£76,936.30

EXPENDITURE

Football Club	£2,182.35	£3,834.25
Cricket Club	£1,731.87	£4,868.02
Six-a-side Tournament	£0.00	£0.00
Ground Maintenance	£2,006.63	£3,495.56
Loan repayments	£43,574.73	£0.00
Ground Equipment	£145.14	£47.47
Plant/equipment repairs	£284.20	£273.28
Fuel	£439.77	£321.32
Club repairs/improvements	£3,958.54	£6,156.76
Membership scheme	£37.81	£0.00
Youth Cricket	£1,698.63	£68.89
Donations	£0.00	£0.00
Website	£62.40	£48.00
Insurance	£2,096.50	£1,935.00
Electricity changing rooms	£619.97	£730.63
Land purchase	£0.00	£42,522.88
Postage/stationery	£0.00	£4.20
Sundry expenses	£52.27	£36.81
Junior six-a-side	£0.00	£0.00
Golf event	£0.00	£0.00
Cleaning	£620.00	£1,374.00
Junior Football	£1,376.48	£2,683.14
S Cooper Clock	£26.10	£843.95
Covid	£20.00	£334.60

TOTAL	£60,933.39	£69,577.76
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SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-£21,981.71	£7,358.54
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BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

FIELD ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet

YEAR END 30/09/2021

	30/09/2021	30/09/2020
	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Santander	£44,456.33	£26,110.25
Cash	£434.76	£416.90
Scottish Widows a/c	£0.00	£0.00
Co OP A/C	£470.61	£470.61
Loan to bar acc	£0.00	£0.00
United Trust Bank	£37,000.00	£77,345.65
Total Assets	£82,361.70	£104,343.41
 <u>Funds</u>		
Funds brought forward	£104,343.41	
Surplus/Deficit	-£21,981.71	
 TOTAL FUNDS	 £82,361.70	

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30th June 2022

Dear Andy,

Thank you for asking me as past Captain, Vice-President & Committee member of Bere Regis Sports Club to analyse the accounts for Ber Regis Sports Club for 2020/21.

I have diligently checked your paperwork and agree with its figures and outcomes.

Whilst writing, I must congratulate you and your committee for all the hard work that you have put in again over the past twelve months.

Yours faithfully



Dean Merritt

Bere Regis Sports Club

England & Wales - Charity number 301100

Accounts

Bere Regis Sports Club

Trustees Annual Report for Year Ending September 2020

Introduction

'Playing Field and Recreation Ground Bere Regis' is a registered charity (No. 301100) having three trustees and using an operating name of 'Bere Regis Sports Club', organised through an elected management committee. The recreation ground in North Street, Bere Regis, Dorset, BH20 7LA (also the principle office of the charity) came under the ownership of the 'National Playing Fields Association' (now known as 'Fields in Trust') by means of a conveyance in 1929. That 'conveyance' remains the governing document of the charity, along with the current version of the 'club rules/constitution'. In October 2019 the three trustees became the named 'owners' of the southern part of the recreation ground, previously leased. This part of the field is held 'in trust'. Today, the objects of the charity (as defined by the Bere Regis Sports Club rules/constitution) are for the benefit of the public, "the support of social, recreational and sporting activities in the village of Bere Regis and the management of the Bere Regis Recreation Ground and properties entrusted to the club."

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Cash assets were severely depleted by the above mentioned land purchase, quickly followed by the effect of the national lockdown because of Covid-19. The policy of retaining as much cash as possible paid off however, in that the trustees remain confident that the charity remains financially viable for the foreseeable future.

The accounts show that funds used for the purchase of the southern part of the field were borrowed from two of the trustees. This was because the trustees didn't want to access the cash invested in the two-year bond only a few weeks before that purchase became necessary, a move that would have incurred a penalty for early withdrawal. The balance sheet shows that the cash position after the loan is repaid in Q3 2021 remains positive.

The trustees continue to hold the opinion that a significant proportion of the cash assets should maintain high liquidity, enabling the management committee to respond quickly to changes in circumstances as well as be in a good position to take opportunities to upgrade facilities further as they arise. To that end, some cash is 'invested' in an instant access savings account while some is held in a two-year

bond. This arrangement allows flexibility as well as taking advantage of the best rates available in a climate of low returns.

Annual Report

The trustees are pleased to report that the recreation ground and associated buildings have again been maintained to good standard throughout the year and that regular maintenance has been undertaken, despite the challenges presented by Covid-19 restrictions. The recreation ground was an even more important community facility than ever while there was a restriction on travel for exercise and while schools were closed to the majority of pupils for many weeks. There was also greater focus on physical and mental wellbeing for the population at large.

The trustees continue to keep in mind possibilities for further developments, including the building a Multi-Use Games Area which could be used for both our own training sessions and for hire to other groups. At this point in time though, no major developments are planned for the immediate future.

Our role within the wider community is well established with the old clubhouse regularly used as a meeting place for local groups, including the Women's Institute, the rainbows/brownies group, Dorset County Council Fostering Unit team, Weighwatchers and Slimming World. We once again hosted the annual Women's Institute Pancake races and the Bere Regis Swimming Club annual presentation evening. The Dorset Association of Cricket Officials continued their use of the club for meetings and had it not been for the Covid-19 restrictions the Dorset Cricket Board would have used the venue for training 'coaches and facilitators'.

The trustees are pleased to once again, report on an organisation in a healthy state, despite the challenges produced by the last twelve months, and one which is continuing to achieve its aims as a community based organisation.

Andrew Kent
Peter Cheeseman
Alan Green

Trustees, September 2020

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB
FIELD ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure a/c
YEAR END 2019/2020

	2019/20	2018/19
<u>INCOME</u>		
Grants Covid	£3,880.00	£0.00
Football Club	£4,404.08	£2,024.30
Junior Football	£3,493.90	£5,391.00
Cricket Club	£4,140.00	£5,064.50
Golf Tournament	£0.00	£3,073.00
Six-a-side Tournament	£0.00	£728.00
Clubhouse rental	£2,178.00	£4,131.80
Junior Cricket	£174.24	£1,149.56
Donations inc S Cooper	£880.00	£300.70
Fund Raising Group	£0.00	£90.50
Loans	£42,000.00	£0.00
Rent	£12,750.00	£7,800.00
Interest	£1,520.65	£825.00
Membership	£904.43	£1,572.38
Junior six a sides	£0.00	£1,130.00
ROGS Fees	£611.00	£0.00
100 Club	£0.00	£500.00
TOTAL	£76,936.30	£33,780.74
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Football Club	£3,834.25	£1,776.05
Cricket Club	£4,868.02	£2,715.37
Six-a-side Tournament	£0.00	£464.82
Ground Maintenance	£3,495.56	£2,999.72
Fund Raising Group	£0.00	£27.14
Ground Equipment	£47.47	£371.70
Plant/equipment repairs	£273.28	£544.09
Fuel	£321.32	£486.39
Club repairs/improvements	£6,155.76	£4,334.91
Membership scheme	£0.00	£100.00
Youth Cricket	£68.89	£386.92
Donations	£0.00	£225.00
Website	£48.00	£110.60
Insurance	£1,935.00	£2,596.84
Electricity changing rooms	£730.63	£696.13
Land purchase	£42,522.88	£390.92
Postage/stationery	£4.20	£31.08
Sundry expenses	£36.81	£147.00
Junior six-a-side	£0.00	£818.04
Golf event	£0.00	£1,574.49
Cleaning	£1,374.00	£2,200.00
Junior Football	£2,683.14	£3,606.07
S Cooper Clock	£843.95	£0.00
Covid	£334.60	£0.00
TOTAL	£69,577.76	£26,603.28
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	£7,358.54	£7,177.46

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

FIELD ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet

YEAR END 30/9/20

	30/09/2020	30/09/2019
	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Santander	£26,110.25	£17,766.10
Cash	£416.90	£923.16
Scottish Widows a/c	£0.00	£0.00
Co OP A/C	£470.61	£470.61
Loan to bar acc	£0.00	£2,000.00
United Trust Bank	£77,345.65	£75,825.00
Total Assets	£104,343.41	£96,984.87
 <u>Funds</u>		
Funds brought forward	£96,984.87	
Surplus/Deficit	£7,358.54	
 Sub Total	 £104,343.41	
Minus Loans	-£43,574.73	
 TOTAL FUNDS	 £60,768.68	

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23rd July 2021

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I have diligently checked your paperwork and agree with its figures and outcomes.

Whilst writing, I must congratulate you and your committee for all the hard work that you have put in again over the past twelve months.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean Merritt', with several overlapping strokes.

Dean Merritt