

**CHARING PLAYING FIELD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Administrative Information**

Charity name: Charing Playing Field

Charity number: 302707 (England and Wales)

Principal address: 63 Magazine Road, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8NR

Trustees: Rowena Munday  
Andrew Hurst  
Philip Smith  
Ann Hummerson  
David Tawney  
Meg Lawrence  
Benjamin Jolly  
Martyn Morgan  
Gary Fentiman (appointed 9 January 2023)

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity, which was constituted under trust, is governed by a conveyance dated 25 November 1965 as amended by scheme dated 5 May 1989 and memorandum of change dated 12 May 2010.

Trustees

At any time there are a maximum of 13 trustees. 6 Elected at the annual general meeting and 7 appointed by the user groups i.e. sports clubs. The parish council are custodian trustees.

All new trustees are supplied with a copy of the Charities governing documents and a copy of the Charity Commission's notes on becoming a trustee.

Risk Management

The trustees consider the risks to which the charity is exposed and put procedures in place to mitigate these risks.

Related Parties

There have been no transactions with related parties in the year (2022 – none).

**Objectives and Activities**

Charitable Objects

The charity operates a recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Charing, Kent.

Activities Undertaken in the Year

The charity has continued to maintain and operate the playing field and club house on site and provide sporting facilities for multiple sports clubs.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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**Achievements and Performance**

After an initially promising start JS Insight, the tenant running Club House, struggled and the lease was subsequently terminated on 2 March 2023. The Committee will operate the Club House for essential sports fixtures only until a new tenant can be found.

There are currently the usual sporting activities of Football, Cricket, Tennis and Bowls on offer as well as Darts, Pool and the wildlife walks in the Alderbed Meadow and Woodland.

The new trees planted in the Alderbed Wood are flourishing and the few that did not take have been replaced.

During the year quotes for the re-surfacing of both car parks were sought and references for contractors were all compared. Swift Surfacing were awarded the contract and commenced work in October 2022. Whilst The Committee were satisfied with the major part of the works by January 2023 some snagging issues were evident. The Committee are currently negotiating with the contractor over remedial works to ensure the best use of the funds made available.

In April 2022 we joined a new fundraising initiative, promoted by Ashford Borough Council, as members of the Ashford Community Lottery Scheme. This was rolled out to our supporters over the year and achieved additional funds for the Charity of £1,842. There is significant scope to increase this revenue stream.

In November 2022 a planning application to construct an additional equipment store next to the existing tractor garage and of similar design was submitted to Ashford Borough Council.

**Financial Review**

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to retain reserves equivalent to approximately 6 months of overheads.

Financial Performance

The charity reported a net cash surplus for the year of £52,465 (2022 - £4,855). Cash reserves stand at £94,075 (2022 - £38,867).

Going Concern

All sports clubs have now fully resumed their normal activities following the covid pandemic. The trustees are satisfied that the financial position remains strong and look forward to another busy year.

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

*Rowena J Munday*

**Rowena Munday**  
Treasurer and Trustee

## CHARING PLAYING FIELD

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Charing Playing Field General Fund £	Charing Playing Field Restricted Fund £	Alderbed Designated Fund £	Alderbed Ash Dieback Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
<u>Charitable Activities</u>						
Bar income	1,011	-	-	-	1,011	720
Rent received	14,240	-	-	-	14,240	14,422
Membership	-	-	765	-	765	160
Annual contributions from clubs	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	-
DEFRA rural payment	-	-	575	-	575	575
	<u>17,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,591</u>	<u>15,877</u>
<u>Fundraising</u>						
Ashford Lottery	1,842	-	-	-	1,842	-
Calendar	743	-	-	-	743	-
Alderbed appeal	-	-	-	716	716	38,630
	<u>2,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>3,301</u>	<u>38,630</u>
<u>Grants and donations</u>						
Covid grants	-	-	-	-	-	12,000
Receipt of Alderbed fund	-	-	-	-	-	11,281
General donations	1,116	-	120	-	1,236	420
Receipt of Charing Playing Field fund	-	124,615	-	-	124,615	-
	<u>1,116</u>	<u>124,615</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,851</u>	<u>23,701</u>
Total Receipts	<u>20,952</u>	<u>124,615</u>	<u>1,460</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>147,743</u>	<u>78,208</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<u>Charitable Activities</u>						
Bar purchases	1,667	-	-	-	1,667	-
Bar staff	-	-	-	-	-	400
Grants	1,141	-	-	-	1,141	-
Insurance	5,335	-	-	-	5,335	5,646
Water	2,948	-	-	-	2,948	3,535
Repairs	5,567	-	-	-	5,567	10,678
Small equipment	425	-	-	-	425	170
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	185
Telephone and internet	150	-	-	-	150	295
Legal and professional fees	4,686	-	-	-	4,686	1,276
Loan interest	-	-	-	-	-	111
Printing and stationery	159	-	-	-	159	696
Fencing	-	-	-	-	-	434
Bird boxes	-	-	-	-	-	173
Felling	-	-	-	-	-	21,300
Trees, guards, stakes and ties	-	-	20	125	145	6,337
Planting	-	-	-	-	-	1,800
Leaflets	-	-	-	-	-	319
Chain saw	-	-	-	-	-	432
Further tree work	-	-	-	-	-	540
Fence removal and replacement	-	-	-	-	-	245
Grass and hedge cutting	-	-	2,010	-	2,010	-
Plumbing	-	-	176	-	176	-
Presentation bench and flowers	-	-	191	-	191	-
Display stand	-	-	-	471	471	-
	<u>22,078</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>25,071</u>	<u>54,572</u>
<u>Capital Transactions</u>						
Improvements	-	67,464	-	-	67,464	3,381
Machinery and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	11,400
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>67,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,464</u>	<u>18,781</u>
Total Payments	<u>22,078</u>	<u>67,464</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>92,535</u>	<u>73,353</u>
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME</b>	(1,126)	57,151	(937)	120	55,208	4,855
Cash at Bank and In Hand Brought Forward	18,371	-	11,829	8,667	38,867	34,012
Cash at Bank and In Hand Carried Forward	<u>17,245</u>	<u>57,151</u>	<u>10,892</u>	<u>8,787</u>	<u>94,075</u>	<u>38,867</u>

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Charing Playing Field General Fund £	Charing Playing Field Restricted Fund £	Alderbed Designated Fund £	Alderbed Ash Dieback Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>BANK AND CASH</b>						
Alderbed Barclays Current A/C	-	-	10,892	8,787	19,679	20,496
CPF NatWest Current A/C	17,245	57,151	-	-	74,396	18,371
	<u>17,245</u>	<u>57,151</u>	<u>10,892</u>	<u>8,787</u>	<u>94,075</u>	<u>38,867</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

*Rosera J Munday*

R Munday - Treasurer and Trustee

30 Jan 2024  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE**

## **CHARING PLAYING FIELD**

### **ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 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 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.



#### **Andrew Childs FCA**

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