

SPELDHURST RECREATION GROUND

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Section 1: Statutory information

Charity number:	302846
Legal form:	The charity is a trust.
Address:	c/o Stirlings Furzeffeld Avenue Speldhurst Kent TN3 0LD
Governing document:	Trust deeds dated 16 June 1924.
Objects:	Speldhurst Recreation Ground is a charitable trust founded to provide recreational facilities for the benefit of the parish of Speldhurst on the village recreation ground ("Rec").
Policy on reserves:	The charity aims annually to have a small surplus of income over expenditure and maintain a contingency fund of approximately one year's expenditure.

Section 2: Corporate governance

Charity trustees

Day-to-day management of the charity is carried by the chairman of the trustees assisted by the treasurer and secretary. A meeting of all trustees takes place semi annually, generally in March and October.

The trustees of the charity consist of the executive group as well as representatives of the main village sporting clubs who use the Rec: cricket, stool ball, football and bowls, and the village fete committee. The sporting clubs and village events nominate a representative to the committee; the other trustees are volunteers approved by the full committee of trustees.

During the year under review the following were members of the committee, including two trustees who died following the end of the period under review:

Name	Position
Ed Wesson	Chairman
Kate Plunkett	Treasurer
Tristan Price	Secretary
Rob Kyte	Speldhurst allotments
Carl Bjorkstrand	Speldhurst Bowls Club
Nick Burgess	Speldhurst Fete Committee
Sue Chalklin	Speldhurst Bowls Club
Nick Coffin	Speldhurst Cricket Club

Name	Position
Richard Oddy (until 1 Sep 23)	Speldhurst Football Club
Adam Sankey (from 1 Sep 23)	Speldhurst Football Club

Trustees for the charity

The title to the charity's property, the Speldhurst recreation ground, is held by the Official Custodian.

Section 3: Summary of main activities and achievements during the year

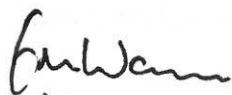
The charity maintained the Rec ground and pavilion to an adequate, safe, standard for the use of sporting clubs, and leisure activities, throughout the year. The programme of work begun in 2021 to enhance the health and longevity of the many trees on the Rec, continued.

There was a large, successful, fundraising campaign to replace a venerable climbing frame in the village playground with a modern piece of equipment intended to foster the physical health and social development of resident and visiting children. The new equipment was installed during the year. It has eleven different play functions, including a 'twister' slide. The design helps children to be active but also encourages interaction by creating a place for a group of children to play together.

Section 4: Financial summary for the year ended 31 December 2023

During 2023, the charity raised £55,200 in income on its general fund. Its main source of funds during the year were grants of £36,000 given to replace the climbing frame in its playground, including one of £19,000. As usual, there were also contributions from the main sporting clubs who use the Rec and some donations.

The charity ran a surplus of £8,200 for the year. It finished the year with a reserve on general funds of £20,400, amounting to approximately two years' general expenditure. As a result, the charity had sufficient reserves to sustain its activities in 2024 and 2025.



Ed Wesson
Trustee



Tristan Price
Trustee

Date: 30 October 2024

SPELDHURST RECREATION GROUND, year to -

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure, and reconciliation of funds

	YEAR 2023	YEAR 2022
	£12,228.75	£7,294.71
	OPENING BALANCE b/f	
	INCOME	
p	Club contributions	3,184
	Other contributions	0
	Gate contributions	250
v	Village events	400
u	Grants	0
q	Donations	2,700
	Interest	8
	Misc	0
	Allotments	1,100
r	MUGA/ pavilion rental	622
	just giving campaign	3,714
	Total Income	11,978
	EXPENDITURE	
	Playground	113
	Pavilion	0
s	Grass	1702
t	Trees & hedges	700
	Electricity	321
w	Insurance	1723
	Water (exc alltmnts)	575
	Road repair (st Mary's lane)	0
x	MUGA	624
	Misc (dog poo bags + bin repair	1094
y	Allotments (water)	191
	Total Expenditure	7,044
	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)FOR YEAR	4,934
	CLOSING BALANCE	12,228.75
	Comprised of -	
	Santander Current a/c	£3,000
	Santander Reserve a/c	£9,229
	Total	£12,229

Notes for 2023 accounts

- p full club contributions for all clubs inc water for bowls club.
- q £3k for cricket pavilion water , other donations for slide fund
- r muga rental for fitness classn and 'Tea on the rec' donation
- s gang mowing and playground mowing
- t tree report plus subsequent tree work plus rec hedge edges/ strimming
- u £500 SE Water and £1k Gatwick Trust, £2k 1931 Trust and £19k Elba match funding donation plus £15k SPC
- v 2022 fete proceeds (none to Village Hall) plus flower show proceeds No receipt for 2023 fete
- w public liability insurance only, no pavilion insurance
- x cost of annual maintenance of MUGA
- y unusually high water bill..allotment administrator had not given actual readings for a long time



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Speldhurst Recreation Ground

On accounts for the year
ended

2023

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

(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 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:

Michael J. Lumley

Date:

09.09.2024

Name:

MICHAEL JOHN LUMLEY

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

REGULATED FINANCIAL PLANNER
FCA REG NO: 843293 Dip PFS

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Section B

Disclosure

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.