

SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 305565

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1969-08-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A RECREATION GROUND

Activities: To promote and maintain a recreation ground and recreational facilities for the benefit of the inhabitants of Seend.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF SEEND
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£44,317	£29,086	-	-
2024-03-31	£83,991	£88,179	-	-
2023-03-31	£40,503	£41,801	-	-
2022-03-31	£29,020	£23,038	-	-
2021-03-31	£63,037	£53,774	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Michael Ellinger	Chair	2014-06-19
BRIAN ALFRED LESLIE HUNT		
Richard John Walker		2014-06-19

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Accounts

Chairman's Report 2024 – Ric Ellinger

I am pleased to be able to present my 9th and final Chairman's Report for the Seend Lye Recreation Field.

I am happy to report that the Right of Way Issue with Mr McDonald was finally resolved in February 2024. The legal dispute was fortunately concluded prior to court action being instigated, with a settlement agreement which extinguished the right of way, included in the original conveyance deed of 1967.

Although this is a very significant victory for the Trust, the costs involved in protecting the Lye Field have been significant and has massively depleted the Trust's financial reserves. Back in 2017, the Trust held investments that totalled over £195K. Our current investments total just under £100K and we are currently negotiating with our solicitors Wansbroughs over our outstanding account of £96K. With the help of Liam & Nicole we have introduced a Crowdfunding page to try and replenish the lost funds as a result of the legal dispute. We have already received significant donations from both villagers and the Seend Fawltly Players. The Trust is very grateful for all donations.

We held our 2nd post Covid fete, during August 2023 and a massive thanks must go to Richard Walker for once again putting his heart & soul into making sure Seend still has a village fete. After 2 years at the helm, Richard has moved aside and Liam & Nicole will once again take over the running of the annual summer fete.

After last year's upgrading of the pavilion, this year's major project has been a replacement mower for the field. Fortunately, we received funding from both the Seend Parish Council and the Devizes Area board, so we were able to invest in a new facility to cut the grass on the field. After taking advice, we have invested in a separate tractor and roller mower. Feedback from the volunteers who are cutting the grass is very positive. We have also invested in some more top soil, grass seed and weed spraying to try and improve the quality of the football pitch. During the extremely wet autumn, the Seend pitch was constantly in use, while others around the county were water logged.

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Although it will figure in next year's report, Seend Tennis Club have now accumulated adequate funds to go ahead with the resurfacing of the courts. This will commence late April for completion in May/June 2024.

As always, Steve Vaux, is working hard on accessing further funds to continue the upgrade of the pavilion, but is finding grants are becoming harder and harder to obtain. Fingers crossed he is once again successful with his efforts. Steve was heavily involved in obtaining the area board grant for the mower. Thank you Steve.

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I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, Committee Members and all the many volunteers (especially the LOTSW group) for all their help & support over the last year in keeping the Lye Field & pavilion facility operational, Thank You.

Seend Lye Recreation Field - 2024/2025
(as at 31/03/2025)

<u>Income</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2024</u>
Hall Hire	8,500.00	9,305.00	Cleaning	1,380.00
Field Hire	1,530.00	1,690.00	Waste Bins	442.02
COIF Interest	2,887.78	1,580.54	Legal	55,531.28
Dividends	2,573.99	2,677.08	Playground	106.80
SUEZ Project	0.00	0.00	Water	769.46
Fete	6,543.27	15,495.66	Oil	783.66
Marquee Hire	340.00	0.00	Electricity	793.25
Investment Redemption	49,387.24	10,819.20	Field Maint	19,834.43
Other	12,228.34	2,750.00	Pavilion Maint	1,519.37
			Insurance	1,982.64
			Fete	4,890.53
			SUEZ Project	0.00
			Other	145.68
TOTAL	<u>83,990.62</u>	<u>44,317.48</u>	TOTAL	<u>88,179.12</u>

<u>Opening Bank Balance</u>	2024	2025
Co Op		16,499.41
Income less Expenditure	-4,188.50	15,231.24
<u>Closing Bank Balance</u>		<u>31,730.65</u>
Co Op		<u>31,730.65</u>

* Includes £2,450 for Pavilion wall insulation

** Field Maint includes £10K donation to STC for Court resurfacing.

2025

1,380.00

535.46

0.00

112.80

389.74

860.44

787.56

13,265.20 **

3,422.74 *

2,140.70

5,876.60

0.00

315.00

29,086.24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Seend Lye Recreation Field

On accounts for the year ended

31 st March 2025	Charity no (if any)	305565
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Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

As the charity's 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 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

27th June 2025

Name:

Mr D L Purdy

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

Accountant (Retired)

Address:

Gemutlich House
Rusty Lane, Seend
Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 6NS

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

The accounts examined are prepared in an historical and cash basis therefore there are no accruals and prepayments recorded in the accounts

The finances are in a healthy position to meet any short or long term expenditure

SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 305565

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I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, Committee Members and all the many volunteers (especially the LOTSW group) for all their help & support over the last year in keeping the Lye Field & pavilion facility operational, Thank You.

Seend Lye Recreation Field - 2023/2024
(as at 31/03/2024)

<u>Income</u>	2024	2023	<u>Expenditure</u>	2024	2023
Hall Hire	8,500.00	6,520.00	Cleaning	1,380.00	1,380.00
Field Hire	1,530.00	1,500.50	Waste Bins	442.02	407.59
COIF Interest	2,887.78	3,050.21	Legal	55,531.28	5,705.00
Dividends	2,573.99	2,485.73	Playground	106.80	100.80
SUEZ Project	0.00	16,980.00	Water	769.46	505.34
Fete	6,543.27	8,816.71	Oil	783.66	1,290.71
Marquee Hire	340.00	140.00	Electricity	793.25	868.38
Investment Redemption	49,387.24	0.00	Field Maint	19,834.43	2,942.76
Other	12,228.34	1,010.00	Pavilion Maint	1,519.37	1,782.75
			Insurance	1,982.64	1,691.05
			Fete	4,890.53	4,561.08
			SUEZ Project	0.00	20,314.40
			Other	145.68	250.80
TOTAL	<u>83,990.62</u>	<u>40,503.15</u>	TOTAL	<u>88,179.12</u>	<u>41,800.66</u>

Opening Bank Balance

Co Op	20,687.91
Income less Expenditure	-4,188.50

Closing Bank Balance

16,499.41

Co Op	16,499.41
	<u>16,499.41</u>

Other Income

Seend PC	5,500.00
Area Board	2,577.00
100 Club	920.00
Donations	3,231.00
	<u>12,228.00</u>



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name The Lye Recreation Field		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2024	Charity no (if any)	305565
Set out on pages	1-2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

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").

Independent examiner's statement 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.

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:

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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:**

Name:

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

Address:

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

The accounts examined are prepared in an historical and cash basis therefore there are no accruals and prepayment recorded in the accounts.

The long standing legal dispute has now been settle and all cost are recorded in the accounts, with the trusts long term investments being used to pay the legal costs.

The trust finances are still in a healthy position to meet any short or long term expenditure.

SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 305565

Accounts

Chairman's Report 2023 – Ric Ellinger

I am pleased to be able to present my 8th Chairman's Report for the Seend Lye Recreation Field.

2022/2023 has been a much more active year in the life of the Lye Field and the Irene Usher Pavilion. As well as a major refurb for the pavilion, the Seend Fete has once again found it's way back into the village summer calendar. Two people have been instrumental in these events –

Steve Vaux, with regards obtaining funds and then project managing the pavilion refurb which included new lighting, windows & doors, updated electrical wiring for both the pavilion and the tack shed, as well as re-decorating large parts of the pavilion. I believe Steve is working on a second trench of money to do further work on the pavilion, but this will have to wait a few years.

Richard Walker, resurrected this wonderful village institution that is the Summer Fete, and as a result of his efforts, over £4K was raised for the Lye Field charity. Richard has agreed to organise the 2023 event and I hope that the good folk of Seend get behind Richard again and help make this year's Fete another big success.

I would like to put on record my thanks to both Steve & Richard for the efforts in supporting the Charity.

The pavilion has been regularly used by playgroup, baby & toddler & many other groups & societies. The playing field was in constant use by both the Seend Utd and Lavis football teams and Melksham CC are just about to embark on a season using the Lye cricket pitch for one of their new teams.

As at previous AGM's, the Right of Way dispute with Mr MacDonald is still with us. Over the course of the last 12 months the Trustees have been working with our solicitors and barristers but we still find ourselves potentially facing court action during 2024 unless Mr MacDonald concedes.

After advice from counsel & with the help of other third parties, we have taken action, which we believe will allow us to beat Mr MacDonald's RoW claim. I will keep the Trustees and the Committee updated of events as required and certainly during the Quarterly Meetings.

I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees, Committee Members and all the many volunteers (especially the LOTSW group) for all their help & support over the last year in keeping the Lye Field & pavilion facility operational,

A special thanks also goes to Steve Vaux, who has been the Committee's Secretary & my wingman for the last 8 years. His dedication to this wonderful village facility has been immense over the years and I am most grateful.

Thank You.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Lye Recreation Field

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

305565

Set out on pages

1-3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2023

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**Independent
examiner's statement**

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- 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:

Date:

2nd Nov 2023

Name:

D L Purdy

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

Accountant Retired

Address:	Gemutlich House,
	Rusty Lane, Seend
	Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 6NS

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

The accounts are prepared on a historical and cash basis therefore there are no accruals for the outstanding court case, which the Chairman refers to in his report.

There are no capital gains recognition from the Trusts investments.

The Trust finances are in a healthy position to meet any short term expenditure.

SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 305565

Accounts



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: The Lye Recreation Field

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2022 Charity no (if any) 305565

Set out on pages

1-3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Signed: [Signature]

Date: 17th Nov 2022

Name: David Purdy

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

Retired accountant and Financial Director

Address: Gemutlich House, Rusty Lane, Seend, Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 6NS

Section B

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The Trust finances are in a healthy position to meet any short term expenditure.

Seend Lye Recreation Field - 2021/2022
(as at 31/03/2022)

Income

Hall Hire	6,002.50
Field Hire	2,194.00
COIF Interest	2,986.07
Dividends	2,453.10
Playground	0.00
Fete	3,388.00
Marquee Hire	100.00
Investment Redemption	0.00
Other	11,896.81

TOTAL 29,020.48

Expenditure

Cleaning	1,380.00
Waste Bins	351.42
Legal	15,188.60
Playground	474.40
Water	558.74
Oil	692.14
Electricity	562.75
Field Maint	1,152.40
Pavilion Maint	934.21
Insurance	1,623.68
Fete	120.00
Other	0.00

TOTAL 23,038.34

Opening Bank Balance

Co Op	16,003.28
Income less Expenditure	5,982.14

Closing Bank Balance 21,985.42

Co Op	21,985.42
	<u>21,985.42</u>
	0.00

Other Income

Wilts CC Grant	8,000.00
Wilts CC Grant	2,667.00
Gift Aid	184.81
100 Club	925.00
Xmas Trees	120.00
	11,896.81

Chairman's Report 2022 – Ric Ellinger

I am pleased to be able to present my 7th Chairman's Report for the Seend Lye Recreation Field.

2021/2022 has been a relatively quiet year in the life of the Lye Field and the Irene Usher Pavilion. Although the pandemic eased during the early summer of 2021, it was not possible to put on a Seend Fete during that summer. How grateful I am that Richard Walker has stepped forward and agreed to organise the Fete for this coming summer. This wonderful village institution lives on and I hope that the good folk of Seend get behind Richard and help make the 2022 Fete a big success.

Over the course of the year, restrictions were slowly eased and the pavilion could once again be used by playgroup, bouncy & many other groups. The playing field was in constant use by both the Seend Utd and Lavis FC, football teams. Seend Utd were very successful, winning their league as well as a number of Cups during the year.

As at last year's AGM, the Right of Way dispute with Mr MacDonald is still with us. Over the course of the last 12 months the Trustees have been working with our solicitors and barristers but we still find ourselves potentially facing court action at some future date unless Mr MacDonald concedes.

After advice from counsel & with the help of other third parties, we have taken action, which we believe will allow us to beat Mr MacDonald's RoW claim. I will keep the Trustees and the Committee updated of events as required and certainly during the Quarterly Meetings.

May 2023, will see the 50th anniversary of the Irene Usher Pavilion and the Trustees and Committee have for some time been concerned about its state and whether the building was fit for purpose. The wiring was old and outdated, the lighting was costly, with bulbs difficult to replace and the building needed attention, especially the doors and windows. As a consequence, Steve Vaux undertook a major project to:

- a) prepare a schedule of work needed to bring the building up to current standards.
- b) Request quotes from the necessary tradesmen to carry out the various tasks required,
- c) Secure the necessary grants needed to fund the project. To date, Steve has managed to obtain grants from SUEZ to the tune of £50,000 for phase 1 of the project, to include new Doors, Windows, Wiring and Lighting. A further £50,000 will be requested for phase 2 and we are hopeful that will be forthcoming.

I would like to place on record, my thanks to Steve, for all his hard work and effort on behalf of the Seend Lye Recreation Field. He secured approximately £50K for the play area 4 years ago, over £31K in Covid funding during 2020 & /2022 - which meant we didn't have to dip into our capital reserves and now potentially another £100K to modernise the Irene Usher Pavilion. We should all be very grateful - Thank you Steve.

I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees, Committee Members and all the many volunteers for their help & support over the last year in keeping the Lye Field & pavilion facility operational,

Finally, I would like to say that once the Right of Way dispute has been settled, which I hope to be within the next year, I feel it will be time to hand over the Chair to another person who has the energy and enthusiasm to take care of this wonderful village asset. It has been an extremely stressful 7 years and I feel that new blood is needed going forward, whether that be within a stand-alone charity or in conjunction with the Seend Trust and Community Centre. Who knows?

Thanks You.

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Chairman's Report 2021 – Ric Ellinger

I am pleased to be able to present my 6th Chairman's Report:-

2020/2021 has been dominated by the Covid pandemic, affecting all areas of our life. The Lye Field did not escape the impact. It was in March, just prior to the 2020 year end, when the UK went into the first lockdown. The Irene Usher pavilion had to close and use of the playing fields was severely restricted. No, 2020 Seend Summer Fete was possible.

Over the course of the following year, restrictions were slowly eased and the pavilion could once again be used by playgroup, bouncy & other groups. The playing field was eventually used again by the Seend Utd and Lavis FC teams and the finals of the Chippenham & District League Cups were played on the Seend pitch. Although no Fete was possible, the Fete committee did embark on all sorts of fund raising ventures to compensate for the lost revenue. Liam and his team, raised over £6K for various village organisations with the funds yet to be distributed.

Sadly, due to uncertainty surrounding the easing of lockdown measures, the 2021 Fete was also cancelled but I hope that this wonderful village institution can be resurrected in 2022.

As a consequence, our income stream during the 12 months was heavily impacted. Were it not for Government grants of over £20K, we would have had to once again liquidate some of the Trust's capital stock. I would like to place on record, my thanks to Steve Vaux, our Secretary for all his hard work and effort, securing all the various grants that kept us liquid during 2020 & 2021. Thank you Steve.

While the pandemic has impacted our lives in many different ways, sadly it did not rid us of our Right of Way dispute with Mr MacDonald. Over the course of the last 12 months the Trustees have been working with our solicitors and barristers but we still find ourselves facing court action at some future date. Sadly, the Trust has had to pay out over £46K in legal bills over the course of the last 12 months which has led to us liquidating over £31K of capital assets.

After advice from counsel & with the help of other third parties, we are taking action, which we believe will allow us to beat Mr MacDonald's RoW claim. While this may be good for the village, as this action has been taken late in the claim, we will still incur legal charges. I will keep the Trustees and the Committee updated of events as required and certainly during the Quarterly Meetings

The play area – in it's third year, continues to go from strength to strength and is in frequent use by the village children. Having taken my granddaughter to the area on many occasions, I can personally vouch for how popular the facility is with the kids not just from Seend, but from the surrounding area. Once again, a big thank you to Steve Vaux, John Williams and all the other LOTSW volunteers who maintain the facility and keep it in good order.

I cannot present an annual report without mentioning the Charities Commission and the fact that the Seend Lye Recreation Field is nearly 9 months late with it's annual return. I need to apologise to the other Trustees, the Committee and the independent Auditor for my lack of urgency in getting this matter sorted. I am expecting us to be compliant very shortly and I commit to meet the Charities Commission requirements going forward.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, Committee Members and all the many volunteers who have contributed to keeping the Lye Field & pavilion facility operational, for their help & support over the last year. It's been an interesting year and I've no doubt the coming 12 months will be equally challenging.

Seend Lye Recreation Field - 2020/2021
as at 31/03/2021

Income

Hall Hire	3,325.00
Field Hire	447.00
COIF Interest	3,766.73
Dividends	2,291.36
Playground	0.00
Fete	75.00
Marquee Hire	0.00
Investment Redemption	31,075.17
Other	22,056.66

TOTAL 63,036.92

Expenditure

Cleaning	1,380.00
Waste Bins	309.36
Legal	46,313.28
Playground	99.00
Water	505.96
Oil	239.56
Electricity	1,562.66
Field Maint	290.00
Pavilion Maint	1,271.85
Insurance	1,577.44
Fete	0.00
Other (Hallmaster)	224.40

TOTAL 53,773.51

Opening Bank Balance

Co Op	6,739.87
Income less Expenditure	9,263.41

Closing Bank Balance 16,003.28

Co Op	16,003.28
	<u><u>16,003.28</u></u>
	0.00

Unpresented cheques

Other Income	22,056.66
Wilts CC Grants	20,532.00
Facemasks	280.00
HMRC Gift Aid	424.66
100 Club	820.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

305565

Set out on pages

1-3

(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 **31/03/2021**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's 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 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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 except as set out overleaf.

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

Signed:

Date:

10/10/2021

Name:

George William Herbert Clarke

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

Qualified as ACA (resigned from ICAEW in 2021 after over 40 years membership)

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

As disclosed in the Chairman's Report, the Trust is engaged in an ongoing legal dispute about the right of way through the Lye Field to the land behind it. I am not able to judge the relative merits of the legal arguments, nor able to comment on the likely outcome of any proceedings. In a public report posted by the Trust on 24th July 2019 the Chairman stated that "the reserves of the Lye Field, built up by our predecessors over 50+ years, could well be eliminated by this action." It should be noted therefore that there is an existential threat to the long term health of the Trust although it has sufficient funds in the short to medium terms to fight the action.

Seend Lye Recreation Field - 2020/2021
as at 31/03/2021

Summary 1

<u>Income</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Hall Hire	3,325.00	7,356.25	Cleaning	1,380.00	1,380.00
Field Hire	447.00	1,240.00	Waste Bins	309.36	315.30
COIF Interest	3,766.73	4,127.16	Legal	46,313.28	37,637.46
Dividends	2,291.36	3,366.96	Playground	99.00	3,989.60
Playground	0.00	3,989.60	Water	505.96	595.87
Fete	0.00	11,248.47	Oil	239.56	238.04
Marquee Hire	0.00	65.00	Electricity	1,562.66	1,325.06
Investment Redemption	31,075.17	20,098.13	Field Maint	290.00	1,926.20
Other	22,131.66	840.33	Pavilion Maint	1,271.85	834.62
			Insurance	1,577.44	0.00
			Fete	0.00	7,424.68
			Other (Hallmaster)	224.40	0.00
TOTAL	<u>63,036.92</u>	<u>52,331.90</u>	TOTAL	<u>53,773.51</u>	<u>55,666.83</u>

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100 Club	820.00