

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.

Seend Lye Recreation Field - 2022/2023
(as at 31/03/2023)

<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Hall Hire	6,520.00	6,002.50	Cleaning	1,380.00	1,380.00
Field Hire	1,500.50	2,194.00	Waste Bins	407.59	351.42
COIF Interest	3,050.21	2,986.07	Legal	5,705.00	15,188.60
Dividends	2,485.73	2,453.10	Playground	100.80	474.40
SUEZ Project	16,980.00		Water	505.34	558.74
Fete	8,816.71	3,388.00	Oil	1,290.71	692.14
Marquee Hire	140.00	100.00	Electricity	868.38	562.75
Investment Redemption	0.00	0.00	Field Maint	2,942.76	1,152.40
Other	1,010.00	11,896.81	Pavilion Maint	1,782.75	934.21
			Insurance	1,691.05	1,623.68
			Fete	4,561.08	120.00
			SUEZ Project	20,314.40	0.00
			Other	250.80	0.00
 TOTAL	 <u><u>40,503.15</u></u>	 <u><u>29,020.48</u></u>	 TOTAL	 <u><u>41,800.66</u></u>	 <u><u>23,038.34</u></u>

<u>Opening Bank Balance</u>	2023	2022
Co Op	21,985.42	
Income less Expenditure	-1,297.51	5,982.14

Closing Bank Balance 20,687.91

Co Op 20,687.91
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Other Income



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

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

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.

* 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

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	Rusty Lane, Seend
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Section B	Disclosure
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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.