

THE LAWRANCE PARK RECREATION GROUND AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 502887

Details

Other names	LAWRANCE PARK, LAWRANCE PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1973-12-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: A RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF THURLBY.

Activities: Management of Lawrance Park community hall & playing field.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THURLBY
- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£52,161	£39,738	-	-
2024-03-31	£77,720	£69,686	-	-
2023-03-31	£19,995	£16,893	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,213	£15,542	-	-
2021-03-31	£19,515	£17,184	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JANE ALISON HAYBALL	Chair	2026-05-18
ALAN MARK THOMAS		
Annemarie Spencer		2025-11-17
CHRISTINE ROSEMARY GRAY		
Chris Seggie		2016-04-28
Colin Murrant		2021-06-24
Emma Gunner		2023-06-05
JOHN REYNOLDS		
Jessica May Burton		2022-05-17
Joshua Lee Larhalt		2026-05-18
Judith Jagger		2022-04-26
Kenneth Alan Redfern		2025-06-19
Lisa Lowe		2019-04-25
Mark Alan Thomas		2025-05-19
Steven Mark Thomas		2025-05-19
Yvonne Erin Scott		2018-04-26

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Accounts

Chair's Report

LPRG&CA 53rd AGM

Good evening and a warm welcome to you all.

We have spent our own money and money given by grants and charities over the last couple of years improving our facilities here in Lawrance Park. The building is getting old and things need repairing, improving or replacing. The toilets fitted last year are so much nicer and having the externally accessible one stops disruption for indoor hirers when the MUGA or Park are being used.

This year our attention was drawn to the children's play area. It is well used throughout the year especially with the extra seating but it became obvious that there were two items of equipment which were beyond any further repair. Efforts had been made over a period of years to make them safe and replace worn out parts but these parts were no longer available. An approach was made to The Causeway Charity to ask if they would help fund their replacement. They very kindly agreed to help so a group from the Management Committee was set up to move the project forward. Meetings were held with several companies, their suggestions considered and adapted and the contract was finally given to Sovereign, a smaller company than Wickstead which we had previously used. They were more sensibly priced and we now have the play area back to full activity mode with the new items fitted in time for peak playing season. The replacement for the original tower has more features and is accessible by small children as well as the older ones with hanging bars on a separate item. I'm sure they will be well used for many years, and our thanks go to the Causeway Charity for making this happen.

Last year, in an attempt to increase our lettings we made an effort to become more prominent on social media. There does seem to be a slight increase in the number of parties and events booked into the hall over the weekends but the economic situation is not helping. We are grateful for our regulars which have not altered from last year: Scouts and Beavers, Thurlby Ladies, Smartfit, Tae Kwan Do, Thurlby Tigers and Kid's Club but it would be good to attract more groups to fill the empty sessions.

Looking at our accounts you will see our income is mainly generated by hiring out the hall and field. We supplement this by holding fund raising events but we would struggle without financial assistance, especially in the upkeep of the park including grass cutting and arborist services. We are very grateful once again this year for Thurlby Parish Council stepping in to help with these costs. We have also had a donation from Thurlby Races following another successful race day.

Our main fundraising activity is always Bonfire Night, always held on 5 th of November which was a Tuesday this year. We were blessed with good weather and many family and friends turned up to help us run the event from collecting entrance donations and counting them, cooking and selling food and drink and glow bands to clearing up afterwards. The bonfire and fireworks were as brilliant as ever thanks to the amazing pyrotechnic team. It's a great village event enjoyed by many which we couldn't hold without so many willing volunteers so I am sure they were very pleased to hear we made a profit of £4,681.20.

We continue to provide drinks and snacks on Saturday mornings on a rota system during the football season. We have raised a healthy sum by being there in all weathers. This venture is much more profitable now we have a card machine, so few people had any change on their person that we were losing sales. Thank you to Jane for organising this and shopping for the stock and to everybody who participates, freezing to death on some occasions. There is great joy at the end of the morning when you realise your efforts have been worthwhile and we've taken more than £20!

Lisa Lowe ran more of her popular bingo sessions this year benefitting Lawrance Park and is continuing to run more for charity. Thank you, Lisa for your commitment.

We have had some issues with the cleaning of the hall this year and we were very fortunate to have Mrs Murfet help us out during a particularly tricky time. We now have a new lady, Gemma Parry looking after the hall. We thank our groundsman Tim Sleight, Pete who inspects our play equipment on a regular basis and Yvonne, the lettings clerk.

We continue to work with Thurlby Academy to ensure the environment is safe and secure for their pupils and we somehow make the unique Chance to Share scheme work for for the benefit of both parties

On you way into the hall this evening you will have noticed the car Park has been marked with spaces, a disabled bay, turning area and no parking zone. Hopefully it will make parking much easier as it was dreadful before and after school.

Keeping the hall and grounds working would not be possible without the continued input of Lawrance Park committee members, everybody giving up time to attend meetings, make decisions and get involved. I would especially like to thank Colin, our treasurer, Jane, our secretary, and Alan who has much valuable advice to offer. We all work to make Lawrance Park something to be proud of now and into the future.

Treasurer's Report to Thurlby Parish Council AGM

An insight into 24/25 at Lawrance Park

Thank you, Lady Chair and Councillors for giving me the opportunity to report on Lawrance Park Recreation Ground & Community Association activity in the year to March 2025.

For this year's report, I propose to give you an insight into how The Trustees manage the Charity with some focus on finances.

In terms of how we view our operations, we see the cost structure in broadly two sections, The Community Hall and then the Field/Playground. This is because the Community Hall is our main income stream, also the Community Hall is jointly used by the Academy with whom we have a Chance to Share legal agreement.

The fees for the hire of the Community Hall resulted in net proceeds, after Hall costs, of £5437. The total revenue from the Hall was nearly £15,000, with £12,800 coming from our regular hirers – Kids Club being our largest contributor. The casual hiring is only £2,057, an increase of £260 from the previous year – this represents about an extra 5 sessions. On average we have a casual booking in 40 weeks of the year. Although, we might increase casual bookings, we are constrained by the fact that we cannot undertake day bookings on week days: this is because of the Academy usage. This excludes us from taking bookings from the likes of U3A. Ideally, we need to find regular bookings for Monday and Thursday evenings and this will be a focus this coming year. We continue to give all parishioners booking a 25% discount on the hire rates: we look to this maintain this as long as we can financially afford to do so.

From the Field and Playground side, our costs exceed income by £5,700. These costs are mainly associated with the cutting of grass and maintenance of the park. Last year, the cost of managing the trees was virtually zero, this is usually a biannual cost associated with our arborist inspection: two years ago, tree maintenance cost over £4000. During last year we erected a gate off Chapel Lane for emergency access purposes. We also concreted the area adjacent to the outside toilet. We are thus most grateful to TPC for the grant of £4,000 towards our Field and Playground costs each year: this year reducing the deficit to £1700.

Above this, our own fundraising netted £6,374), primarily raised by the fireworks (£4,700) and Saturday football refreshments (£1400), proceeds from Bingo contributed the balance. Additionally, we also received a donation from The Thurlby Run committee which is a completely separate organisation from Lawrance Park.

During the year we also made the deposit payment for new playground equipment. We commissioned the replacement of the Naseby Tower and the Climbing Frame, both becoming increasingly difficult to maintain and not cost effective to do so. We have replaced the old tower with a new two Tower structure connected by a bridge, a Traversing Forest, and a Monkey frame. The cost of these is £40,000, with more than half the cost in the rubber wet pour. We are most grateful to The Thurlby Causeway Estate Charity for funding this. Alan and I have decided that the new tower is called the Causeway Tower in recognition of their support.

The playground is aging, as is the case with most of our property, many of the trees are also coming to the end of their life: we had to fell sixteen (mainly Cherry) trees two years ago due to disease, also two last year through them dying as a result of soggy ground at the South East corner of the Park. The Field, Hall, Play area are now over 50 years old.

The cost of maintaining all these in the future means that the Trustees must be mindful of the cost burden that that will bring.

The policy established by the Trustees many years ago, was that normal trading should cover the day to day running costs of the facilities: all our fundraising would be ring fenced towards maintenance and refurbishment of the Community assets. As Trustees we might be custodians of the assets but the Community own them: it is our job to maintain them for future generations. To this end, the fundraising amount of £6,000 last year has been transferred to our deposit account: this now totals £57,000. We also have money from a Charity Commission Recoupment scheme that can only be spent on the building assets. This leaves us with about £5000 sum in the current account to manage our trading income and expenditure.

Over the past three years we have, installed LED lighting in the Park, refurbished the toilets, and now replaced playground equipment – in total c£90,000. We will always seek grants to support this work and have been successful getting grants for all these cases: If we had not received grants, our reserves would be virtually gone. We are not always successful in our Grant applications, last year alone we had rejections from LNER, Postcode Places Trust, and VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme: we currently have an approved grant from Tesco. The VCSE rejection was unfortunate due to our Chance to Share Scheme with the Academy impacting our eligibility. We know the heating system is 50 years old and will need replacing soon and it is unlikely we will be able to attract grant funding for it.

Next, I want to touch on our volunteers. All our Trustees are volunteers. Other than the Booking Clerk, not one Trustee receives as much as a penny. The normal processes of attending meetings, secretarial work, treasurer work etc, are understood and accepted as 'what we signed up for.' Beyond that though there are many hours put in by volunteers – both Trustees and non-Trustees. This will cover such things as repairing playground equipment, fixing park benches, project management, as well as fund raising.

My own personal estimate is that anywhere between 350 and 400 voluntary hours a year are expended: some of these are skilful jobs: conservatively averaging the rates one could expect to pay for these skills, an average could easily be in the region of £20 an hour: equating to c£7000 per annum. Given the £5700 excess cost of the Park and Playground: the parishes could be argued to benefit c£13000 a year from having the playground and field maintained by LPRG&CA. In most villages the cost of maintaining the facilities would be the responsibility of the Parish Council and on behalf of the parishioners: your continued support through precept, is vital to us in this respect.

Finally, at our AGM last week, we had one member of the public, and she was there to jointly receive the Lawrance Park Cup, alongside Lisa. We know people love the wonderful facility that we have, but we struggle to attract new, younger blood. Hopefully, we hear we might have someone joining us this coming year who fits that bill, and has the passion for Lawrance Park that we all have.

Thank you.

Report Colin Murrant

Thurlby PC AGM

7 May 2025

LAWRANCE PARK RECREATION GROUND & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
CHARITY NUMBER: 502887

OPERATING STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

Receipts

TRADING RECEIPTS

FUND RAISING GROSS TAKINGS

Fireworks - Gross Takings	£7,048.20
Football Refreshments - Gross Takings	£1,911.59
Bingo - Gross takings	£466.80
Total Fund Raising Takings	£9,426.59

Memo Takings £9,426.59

FACILITY HIRE CHARGES

£16,323.00

OTHER RECEIPTS

Donations	£250.00
National Grid Wayleaves	£8.05

Payments

TRADING PAYMENTS

FUND RAISING EXPENSES

Fireworks Expenses	£4,681.20
Football Refreshments Costs	£1,428.64
Bingo Costs	£264.56
Total Fund Raising Profit	£6,374.40

Memo Profit £6,374.40

Cleaning

£2,040.61

Park Maintenance

£6,720.78

Property Maintenance

£1,352.45

Playground Maintenance

£97.59

Utilities

£3,329.74

Insurance

£554.50

SKDC Business Rates

£60.61

RoSPA

£235.20

Consumables

£624.63

Trees Survey, Felling and Maintenance

£100.00

PPL/PRS Licence

£121.93

Audit Fee

£50.00

Fees incl Legionella

£285.55

Clerk Fees and Expenses

£1,105.33

Total Trading Payments

£19,731.11

(A)

£26,007.64

Total Trading Receipts

(A)

£26,007.64

Interest received from Deposit Accounts

£2,152.99

Excess Receipts before Interest

£6,276.53

(D)=(X)+(Y)

£2,152.99

(C)=(A)-(B)

£6,276.53

Excess Receipts after Interest

£8,429.52

(E)=(X)+(Y)

£2,152.99

(E)=(C)+(D)

£8,429.52

Grants Received

Thurby Parish Council Grant - Field Maintenance	£4,000.00
Causeway Estate - Playground	20000.00

Capital Expenditure

Soveriegn Playground Equipment

£20,007.24

(H)

£20,007.24

Total Grants Received

£24,000.00

(I)=(B)+(H)

£39,738.35

Total Capital Expenditure

£20,007.24

(H)

£20,007.24

Total Payments in Year

£39,738.35

(I)=(B)+(H)

£39,738.35

Total Excess Receipts over Payments in the Year

£12,422.28

(J)=(G)-(I)

£12,422.28

Total Receipts - Charity Commission Reporting

£52,160.63

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LAWRANCE PARK RECREATION GROUND & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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Statement of Financial Accounts 31 March 2025
Nat West Account Movement in Year

Transfer to Cambridge & Counties	(T)	-£5,000.00
Transfer to COIF Deposit		-£9,000.00
Grants Received less Capital Expenditure	(K)=(F)-(H)	£3,992.76
Excess Receipts before Interest	(C)	£6,276.53
Net Increase/(-) Decrease in Bank 2024/25	(T)+(U)+(K)+(C)	-£3,730.71

Opening		£11,150.79
Net Increase/(-) Decrease in Bank 2024/25		-£3,730.71

Closing Bank	1	£7,420.08
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Refreshments Petty Cash		£50.02
Opening Float		-£0.02
Ex Bank		£50.00
To bank		
Closing Float	2	£50.00

COIF Deposit Account		£30,194.12
Opening	(Z)	£9,000.00
Transfer From Nat West Bank		£1,578.75
Interest Received	(X)	
Closing Deposit A/c	3	£40,772.87

Cambridge & Counties Bank 95 Day A/c		£11,555.72
Opening	(T)	£5,000.00
From Nat West Account		
Transfer to COIF Deposit	(Z)	
Interest received	(Y)	£574.24
Closing 95 Day A/c	4	£17,129.96

COIF Investment Fund Acc (Recoupment) Units		268.1935
Of which Permanent Endowment - not for use by Charity Available to Charity from December 2024		£251.9601

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		£116,756.97
(1+2+3+4+5)		£116,756.97

Summary of Assets as at 31 March 2025

Insured Contents	<u>£55,258.00</u>
Financial Assets	
Nat West Current Account	£7,420.08
COIF Deposit Account	£40,772.87
Cambridge & Counties Bank 95 Day A/C	£17,129.96
COIF Investment Fund Acc (Recoupment)	£67,574.06
less Permanent Endowment	-£16,190.00
Refreshments Petty Cash	£50.00
Total Financial Assets	<u>£116,756.97</u>
Total Assets	<u>£172,014.97</u>

Audited by Mr C York
Date

**Independent Examiner's Report for The Trustees of Lawrance Park Recreation Ground &
Community Association – Charity No.502887**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are attached.

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner: The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to -examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; — follow the procedures laid down in the general directives given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and -state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or 2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:


Date: 8-4-25

Colin York
The Green
Thurlby
Lincolnshire

THE LAWRANCE PARK RECREATION GROUND AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Accounts

Lawrance Park Recreation Ground and Community Association 52 AGM

Good evening and a very warm welcome to you all.

Lawrance Park Committee has had a busy year in terms of activity and spending money, other people's money as well as our own. I will explain as we go along.

This year the solar lights along the footpath to Chapel Lane, funded by Causeway Estates Charity were finished and adopted by SKDC.

Tree stumps remaining from previous tree removal were ground out. The four new saplings planted during the previous winter had water reservoirs attached to ensure their survival over the first couple of years. They have been doing very well until one of the silver birches had its crown snapped off during the Easter holidays. This may need replacing although the remaining trunk is alive. Nothing wrong with small things though!

While on the subject of trees- more have had to be felled. The ongoing problem with non drainage on the Park View side of the park has led to the slow decline of several trees. Before they became dangerous two were removed. The drainage issue is to be dealt with by specialists, hopefully before more trees are affected.

You have probably realised that maintenance of the park is quite an expense. We are very grateful that Thurlby Parish Council were again very generous in including Lawrance Park in their precept providing money to cover some of our field expenses. They also provided new litter bins for the park.

We have had a netball team wishing to use the MUGA for training and possibly games. The netball posts we had were not suitable so a set have been purchased and hopefully the netball will continue. You never know- Thurlby Tigers started small- could be the start of Thurlby Kangaroos,

Before we move indoors a mention needs to be made of the continuing problem of dogs fouling on the field and the pavement outside school. How ignorant are the owners? We allow dog waste to be placed in our bins so there's no excuse for such bad behaviour.

This is the 52nd Lawrance Park AGM so as with most things after 50 years things begin to wear out, break down or need replacing. That was the case with the toilets and showers here in the hall. The showers haven't been used for years and were troublesome before that. Compliance with Legionella rules was another problem. Plans had been made to remove the showers and refurbish the toilets in the near future but we became aware of accessible funding from the SKDC Prosperity Grant. Removing the showers would give us an extra toilet in the ladies and a unisex toilet accessible from outside by rearranging the male toilets. Trying to get an answer as to whether or not we were to get funding was nail biting. We had to book builders in during the Christmas holidays to minimise disruption to school without the go ahead but eventually we heard we had been successful. Of course there was a hiccup in that the funding only covered the cost of our cheapest quote. No consideration was given to the fact that our chosen firm were prepared work around the school holidays. We were grateful that once again The Causeway Charity stepped in to cover our shortfall. The external accessible toilet is now available when the park or MUGA are being used without having to disrupt any hirers using the indoor space.

Since COVID our bookings for the hall have fallen due to classes no longer being held, less people having 'dos' and probably the cost of living increases. We do still have varied list of groups which regularly use the facilities; Kids Club, Tae Kwan Do, Pilates, Smart Fit, Beavers and Scout and Thurlby Tigers. Plus there has been a very successful Bingo Evening run on behalf of Lawrance Park which we hope to repeat. Despite all this activity there are still infilled slots in the booking schedule. The committee felt that our overcomplicated charging model for the hire of the hall was very confusing therefore a new system has been introduced with the hire rates reduced by 25% for parishioners. It's still a common misconception that the hall belongs to the school so we've rebranded and now have a new logo based on the roofline of Lawrance Park and a new Facebook page detailing hiring rates. We hope it will lead to an increase in enquires and usage.

As I've mentioned we have been financially assisted during the year by Thurlby Parish Council and The Causeway Charity with a donation from Thurlby Runs but we have also raised money by our own efforts to support upkeep on the estate.

During the football season members of the committee provide drinks and refreshments on Saturday mornings for Thurlby Tigers' games. Very few people carry real money around these days and we were losing custom as we were cash only so at the start of the season we purchased a card machine. This has been a great help and considerably increased our takings making the effort of turning out and almost freezing to death on some occasions feel worthwhile.

Our big event is always Bonfire Night. Always held on November 5, which was a Sunday this year. Because of the dreadful rain which didn't want to stop, one of the other local firework displays was cancelled which probably increased our attendance. The evening follows a well practiced formula which works well especially if somebody has remembered we need barbecues in order to cook sausages. The fireworks and bonfire were as brilliant as ever, thanks to the pyrotechnic team and many thanks to the army of volunteers who give up their time to help us to collect entrance donations, cook and sell food and drink and glow bands. With their help we raised over £6000.

We continue to work with Thurlby Academy to ensure the environment is safe and secure.

Keeping this hall and the grounds working would not be possible without the continued input of the committee, some members more than others but everyone giving up valuable time freely to attend meetings, make decisions and get involved. Most members are trustees because of their involvement with other organisations using the facilities so are crucial in many village activities and help keep them thriving. Difficult decisions need to be taken at times but we hope we are maintaining Lawrance Park for the benefit our our local community. Without it village life would be poorer. I personally would like to thank Colin, our treasurer, Jane the secretary, and Alan, who knows how almost everything works and if he doesn't he knows somebody who does. An invaluable team to be surrounded by.

LAWRANCE PARK RECREATION GROUND & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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OPERATING STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

AS AT 31 March 2024

Receipts

TRADING RECEIPTS

FUND RAISING GROSS TAKINGS

Fireworks - Gross Takings	£8,248.98	
Football Refreshments - Gross Takings	£1,151.98	
Bingo - Gross takings	£529.60	<i>Memo Takings</i>
Total Fund Raising Takings		£9,930.56

FACILITY HIRE CHARGES

£14,600.00

OTHER RECEIPTS

Donations	£200.00
National Grid Wayleaves	£8.05

Total Trading Receipts (A) £24,738.61

Interest received from Deposit Accounts £1,717.56

(D)=(X)+(Y)

Grants Received

Thurlby Parish Council Grant - Field Maintenance	£3,000.00
Causeway Estates Grant Lights	£21,384.00
Causeway Estates Grant Toilets Refurbishment	£8,880.00
SKDC PROSPERITY Grant Toilets Refurbishments	£18,000.00

Total Grants Received (F) £51,264.00

(G)=(A)+(D)+(F)

Total Receipts - Charity Commission Reporting £77,720.17

Payments

TRADING PAYMENTS

FUND RAISING EXPENSES

Fireworks Expenses	£6,026.64	£2,222.34
Football Refreshments Costs	£864.12	£287.86
Bingo Costs	£353.22	£176.38
Total Fund Raising Profit	£7,243.98	

Memo Profit

Cleaning	£2,724.38
Park Maintenance	£4,180.92
Property Maintenance	£936.29
Playground Maintenance	£634.09
Utilities	£3,105.81
Insurance	£554.49
SKDC Business Rates	£62.20
RoSPA	£222.00
Consumables	£384.50
Trees Survey, Felling and Maintenance	£4,815.00
PPL/PRS Licence	£95.94
Clerk Fees and Expenses	£1,020.00
Total Trading Payments	(B) £21,422.20

Excess Receipts & Payments before Interest (C)=(A)-(B) £3,316.41

Excess Receipts & Payments after Interest (E)=(C)+(D) £5,033.97

Capital Expenditure

LED Pavement Lighting	£21,384.00
Toilets Refurbishment	£26,880.00
Total Capital Expenditure	(H) £48,264.00

Total Payments in Year (I)=(B)+(H) £69,686.20

Total Excess Receipts over Payments in the Year (J)=(G)-(I) £8,033.97

£77,720.17

Statement of Financial Accounts 31 March 2024

Nat West Account Movement in Year	Transfer to Cambridge & Counties	(T)	-£10,000.00
	Recoupment Payment	(U)	-£113.33
	To Petty Cash		£0.00
	Grants Received less Capital Expenditure	(K)=(F)-(H)	£3,000.00
	Excess Receipts & Payments before Interest	(C)	£3,316.41
Net Increase/(-) Decrease in Bank 2023/24	(T)+(U)+(K)+(C)	-£3,796.92	
Nat West Account	Opening		£14,947.71
	Net Increase/(-) Decrease in Bank 2023/24		-£3,796.92
	Closing Bank 31 March 2024	1	£11,150.79
Refreshments Petty Cash	Opening Float		£50.00
	Ex Bank		
	Retained from Takings		£0.02
	Closing Float 31 March 2024	2	£50.02
COIF Deposit Account	Opening		£9,666.82
	Transfer From C&C Bank	(Z)	£20,000.00
	Interest Received	(X)	£527.30
	Closing Deposit A/c 31 March 2024	3	£30,194.12
Cambridge & Counties Bank 95 Day A/C	Opening		£20,365.46
	From Nat West Account	(T)	£10,000.00
	Transfer to COIF Deposit	(Z)	-£20,000.00
	Interest received	(Y)	£1,190.26
	Closing 95 Day A/c 31 March 2024	4	£11,555.72
COIF Investment Fund Acc (Recoupment)			
Units at start of the year	267.72 units		
Units Purchased in 2023/24 - £113.33 (U)	0.4727 units		
AS AT 31 March 2024	268.1927 units	£257.0668	£68,943.44
Of which Permanent Endowment - not for use by Charity			£16,190.00
Available to Charity from December 2024		5	£52,753.44
	TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		£105,704.09
		(1+2+3+4+5)	

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CHARITY NUMBER: 502887

Summary of Assets as at

31 March 2024

Insured Contents	£55,258.00
LED Pavement Lighting added in 23/24	£21,384.00
Total - Non-Financial assets	£76,642.00
Financial Assets	
Nat West Current Account	£11,150.79
COIF Deposit Account	£30,194.12
Cambridge & Counties Bank 95 Day A/C	£11,555.72
COIF Investment Fund Acc (Recoupment)	£68,943.44
less Permanent Endowment	-£16,190.00
Refreshments Petty Cash	£50.02
Total Financial Assets	£105,704.09
Total Assets	£182,346.09

Audited by Mr C York

Date

13/4/24



LAWRANCE PARK RECREATION GROUND & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
CHARITY NUMBER: 502887

OPERATING STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

AS AT 31 March 2024

Receipts

TRADING RECEIPTS

FUND RAISING GROSS TAKINGS

Fireworks - Gross Takings	£8,248.98	
Football Refreshments - Gross Takings	£1,151.98	
Bingo - Gross takings	£529.60	<i>Memo Takings</i>
Total Fund Raising Takings		£9,930.56

FACILITY HIRE CHARGES

£14,600.00

OTHER RECEIPTS

Donations	£200.00
National Grid Wayleaves	£8.05

Total Trading Receipts (A) £24,738.61

Interest received from Deposit Accounts £1,717.56

(D)=(X)+(Y)

Grants Received

Thurlby Parish Council Grant - Field Maintenance	£3,000.00
Causeway Estates Grant Lights	£21,384.00
Causeway Estates Grant Toilets Refurbishment	£8,880.00
SKDC PROSPERITY Grant Toilets Refurbishments	£18,000.00

Total Grants Received (F) £51,264.00

(G)=(A)+(D)+(F)

Total Receipts - Charity Commission Reporting £77,720.17

Payments

TRADING PAYMENTS

FUND RAISING EXPENSES

Fireworks Expenses	£6,026.64	£2,222.34
Football Refreshments Costs	£864.12	£287.86
Bingo Costs	£353.22	£176.38
Total Fund Raising Profit	£7,243.98	

Memo Profit

Cleaning	£2,724.38
Park Maintenance	£4,180.92
Property Maintenance	£936.29
Playground Maintenance	£634.09
Utilities	£3,105.81
Insurance	£554.49
SKDC Business Rates	£62.20
RoSPA	£222.00
Consumables	£384.50
Trees Survey, Felling and Maintenance	£4,815.00
PPL/PRS Licence	£95.94
Clerk Fees and Expenses	£1,020.00
Total Trading Payments	(B) £21,422.20

Excess Receipts & Payments before Interest (C)=(A)-(B) £3,316.41

Excess Receipts & Payments after Interest (E)=(C)+(D) £5,033.97

Capital Expenditure

LED Pavement Lighting	£21,384.00
Toilets Refurbishment	£26,880.00
Total Capital Expenditure	(H) £48,264.00

Total Payments in Year (I)=(B)+(H) £69,686.20

Total Excess Receipts over Payments in the Year (J)=(G)-(I) £8,033.97

£77,720.17

Statement of Financial Accounts 31 March 2024

Nat West Account Movement in Year	Transfer to Cambridge & Counties	(T)	-£10,000.00
	Recoupment Payment	(U)	-£113.33
	To Petty Cash		£0.00
	Grants Received less Capital Expenditure	(K)=(F)-(H)	£3,000.00
	Excess Receipts & Payments before Interest	(C)	£3,316.41
	Net Increase/(-) Decrease in Bank 2023/24	(T)+(U)+(K)+(C)	-£3,796.92
Nat West Account	Opening		£14,947.71
	Net Increase/(-) Decrease in Bank 2023/24		-£3,796.92
	Closing Bank 31 March 2024	1	£11,150.79
Refreshments Petty Cash	Opening Float		£50.00
	Ex Bank		
	Retained from Takings		£0.02
	Closing Float 31 March 2024	2	£50.02
COIF Deposit Account	Opening		£9,666.82
	Transfer From C&C Bank	(Z)	£20,000.00
	Interest Received	(X)	£527.30
	Closing Deposit A/c 31 March 2024	3	£30,194.12
Cambridge & Counties Bank 95 Day A/C	Opening		£20,365.46
	From Nat West Account	(T)	£10,000.00
	Transfer to COIF Deposit	(Z)	-£20,000.00
	Interest received	(Y)	£1,190.26
	Closing 95 Day A/c 31 March 2024	4	£11,555.72
COIF Investment Fund Acc (Recoupment)			
Units at start of the year	267.72 units		
Units Purchased in 2023/24 - £113.33	0.4727 units		
AS AT 31 March 2024	268.1927 units	£257.0668	£68,943.44
Of which Permanent Endowment - not for use by Charity			£16,190.00
Available to Charity from December 2024		5	£52,753.44
	TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		£105,704.09
		(1+2+3+4+5)	

LAWRANCE PARK RECREATION GROUND & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CHARITY NUMBER: 502887

Summary of Assets as at

31 March 2024

Insured Contents	£55,258.00
LED Pavement Lighting added in 23/24	£21,384.00
Total - Non-Financial assets	£76,642.00
Financial Assets	
Nat West Current Account	£11,150.79
COIF Deposit Account	£30,194.12
Cambridge & Counties Bank 95 Day A/C	£11,555.72
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THE LAWRANCE PARK RECREATION GROUND AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 502887

Accounts

Good Evening and welcome to the 51st AGM of Lawrance Park Recreation Ground and Community Association.

This year has been filled with the usual running details with a few odds and ends thrown in to add interest. We followed advice and had trees felled in the park that had signs of fungal disease and others that had been damaged by the wind. Some of the stumps have now been ground out, we are waiting for drier weather for the rest to be done, and four new trees planted. We had been offered free trees from the Woodland Trust but they were very small and going to take years to grow so we decide to buy some larger specimens. Hopefully they will flourish and the remaining trees grow and fill in some of the spaces.

After lengthy consultations with EON Energy Alan Thomas masterminded the installation of 6 new solar lighting columns on the footpath from Chapel Lane. Compared to our other path lighting this was much easier to fit with no need for cable laying, and it is obviously environmentally friendly and will benefit the village. The cost of this project was met by the Causeway Estate Charity for which we are very grateful. We have also had floodlighting fitted to the MUGA which will allow it to be used during the winter months by any hirers. We have gone big on lights this year as we had the hall ceiling lights changed to LED which should cut costs and they should also last longer before needing replacement. Changing lightbulbs in the hall is a major undertaking with scaffolding or a cherry picker necessary.

As usual there have been minor works on the play and gym equipment on the field but the roller barrel needed major repairs involving new slats, again dealt with by Alan Thomas.

We've had new bins fitted outside. Most of our very smart metal bins did not survive being used as a dog's toilet and had rusted badly so the replacements are plastic financed very kindly by the parish council. On the subject of dogs, we have had big problems with dog mess being left on the field and surrounding paths causing problems for Thurlby Tigers and school. Since lockdown there has been a massive increase in the number of dogs in the village and dogs accompanying children to school. Dog mess can be left in our bins so there is no excuse for owners not cleaning up after their animals. The problem has been so bad we have made it known that dogs should only use Lawrance Park on a lead and if the problem continues dogs will be banned totally. Lots of signs have been put up asking owners to clean up after their pets and advising them that dogs need to be on a lead. A sign has gone up on the MUGA stating it is a resource for sports and dogs are not allowed. We have recently made contact with a dog warden who has been and placed his own signs and is planning on future visits to try and find the offenders.

We have some new seats for the park. Caroline Pearce has purchased one in memory of her husband Steve, which is now in place and Alan has delivered three donated by Papworth Hospital for the children's play area. These will be sited in drier weather.

Bonfire Night was well attended again this year and as well as people having a good time we raised a healthy amount of money £4,212.09. We are really well supported on this evening by lots of family, friends and neighbours who lend a hand to make it a success and we are very grateful for their input.

John Reynolds organised and ran a Ceilidh for Lawrance Park and donated the profits to the charity. Thanks to him and Elaine.

The hall has three main hirers of the hall: Kid's Club, Tai Kwan-Do and Scouts, Beavers and Cubs with Thurlby Tigers using the field and toilets and Smart Fit using the MUGA. Since lockdown we have had less people asking to use the hall so the committee has redesigned the charging policy to make it simpler and easier to understand and implement and keeping it in line with other local halls. We are advertising this on social media so we shall see if this makes our facility more attractive to possible users.

Once again the Parish Council has been generous in its support of Lawrance Park providing money towards the upkeep of the field and trees. Thurlby Runs also donated money following their successful event in July. We are always very appreciative of such financial help.

Before I finish I just wanted to briefly touch on what King Charles has stated as one of his wishes to celebrate his coronation - for people to spend a day volunteering in their communities. Which is what this committee is all about. Just listening to list of things that have happened around Lawrance Park during the year makes one realise that without volunteering much of this wouldn't have happened. Workers and companies are paid for their goods and time but all the other bits are done by the committee members in their free time. I am very grateful to all those who give up hours on Lawrance Park work, be it running bonfire night, organising signs, mending things, sorting out money, writing up minutes or organising employees. The list goes on. Without you we wouldn't have a functioning hall or park. I feel you have fulfilled your volunteering quota already.

There is one person though I feel needs a special mention. This person, unfortunately for him understands lots of practical things and is very generous with his time and skills. You'll have noticed his name mentioned a few times already. Alan Thomas, thank you for all that extra knowledge, time and effort you give to the Charity. It does not go unmissed.

Thank you for listening.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

INCOME

Thurlby Parish Council	£4,000.00
Facility Hire Charges	£14,039.10
Fireworks - Net Proceeds	£4,212.09
Football Refreshments - Net Proceeds	£757.85
Donation	£460.15
National Grid Wayleaves	£8.05

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Expenditure

Cleaning	£2,460.54
Park Maintenance	£4,069.37
Property Maintenance	£3,994.43
Playground Maintenance	£1,190.32
Utilities	£2,065.86
Insurance	£510.63
SKDC Business Rates	£122.10
RoSPA (incl Courses)	£210.00
Consumables	£512.48
Trees Survey + Felling	£345.60
Gifts	£48.99
PPL/PRS Licence	£435.32
Clerk	£927.60
Total Expenditure	£16,893.24

Excess Income over Expenditure **£6,584.00**

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Transfer to COIF Deposit	£0.00
Recoupment Payment	£113.33
To Petty Cash	£0.00

Transfer from Bank Account **£113.33**

Net Increase in Bank 2021/22 **£6,470.67**

Nat West Account

Opening £8,477.04

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Closing Bank **£14,947.71**

Refreshments Petty Cash

Opening Float £50.00

Ex Bank

Retained from Takings £0.00

Closing Float **£50.00**

COIF Deposit Account

Opening £29,513.58

Transfer to CC Bank -£20,000.00

Interest Received £153.24

Closing **£9,666.82**

Cambridge & Counties Bank

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