

# THINGWALL RECREATIONAL CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 520124

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1966-11-14

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY IS THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR USE BY THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE FOR:(A) MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES, AND(B) OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS.(2) THE LAND IDENTIFIED IN PART 1 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THIS SCHEME MUST BE RETAINED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR USE FOR THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY.

**Activities:** The charity organises activities such as indoor & outdoor bowls, whist, bridge, drama, badminton, cycling, artists classes etc. The premises are also used by outside organisations for karate classes, keep fit, aerobics, children dance classes etc. Parties and receptions may also be held in the main hall.

## Classification

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

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THINGWALL AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Wirral

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£23,542	£25,685	-	-
2024-08-31	£26,302	£33,078	-	-
2023-08-31	£24,090	£23,447	-	-
2022-08-31	£30,879	£50,161	-	-
2021-08-31	£34,578	£29,163	-	-
2020-08-31	£30,215	£23,662	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN PETERS		2012-06-20
Allen McLaughlin Chair		2018-05-15
BARBARA MONTGOMERY		
Barry Tilston		2015-04-24
Paul Mountford Secretary		2019-12-09
Stephen Holmes Treasurer		2021-11-01

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**THINGWALL RECREATION CENTRE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7PM**

1. Chairman's welcome and report. Allen McLaughlin opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming on what is a terrible night weatherwise. He also thanked the various sections who had gifted some of their funds to the centre over the last 12 months.
2. Membership Secretary's report. Mike Reilly advised the meeting there are currently 167 members registered. 50 members have been lost/not renewed since last year. A discussion took place the way memberships are dealt with. Mike's wife has been helping him with some of the administration, but some members were unhappy with this, because his wife is not a member of the centre, so Mike stood down with immediate effect. A member asked about the role of membership secretary and if it is IT based. Mike Reilly said that it is. A minute of silence was held for those members who have passed away since last year. Apologies were received from Dave Moss and Barry Tilston. An attendance sheet was collected at the end of the meeting.
3. Minutes of the meeting held in 2023 were read out by Paul Mountford. Proposed by Sue Tilston. Secunder – Sue Mountford.
4. Matters arising. There is still a problem with the wiring of the electricity meters which are located in the bar. The Recreation committee do not have access to the bar, and it has not always been easy to co-ordinate a mutually convenient time with bar staff, Scottish Power and electrical contractors when members of the management committee also work full time. It has been alleged, with no evidence, that the Recreational Centre had the meters re-wired incorrectly on purpose. A member did say that he can see there is a problem, and it was agreed that efforts to sort it will be made as soon as possible. Ken Roberts asked if the heating in the main hall could be looked at. The thermostat does not appear to be working properly. It was agreed that it would be.
5. Secretary's Report. Paul Mountford explained that last year, 2023, the Centre, there were certain works that had to be carried out in order to fulfil the requirements of the insurance company, otherwise the centre would have to close. These works included an upgrade to the electrics, not linked to the meter issue, and upgrade of the fire alarm. These works proved very costly and had a dramatic negative effect on the Centre's financial position. Some of the recommendations are still outstanding and, if we were

inspected again, we would risk closure. However, as our Treasurer will tell you shortly, we do not have the financial flexibility to fix some of these things to this day. These include water damage, despite efforts to effect repairs. Storage of cleaning and potentially combustible items has been addressed but still require work and some work still needs doing around fire exits, although not blocked but could be clearer. We have successfully bid for £500 from Wirral Together fund, managed by local councillors. Our Fire Safety inspection highlighted the signage for fire exits etc was very old and was not luminous in the dark and new extinguishers were needed. The funding helped with this work. The upgrade of the emergency lighting is still outstanding. We can apply for further funding, as and when these small but helpful pots become available. (Since the meeting a further £400 was received which helped clear the guttering after leaf fall.) We continue to be plagued by leaks in the conservatory, as well as the hall. Fortunately, the work on the conservatory roof came with a 20-year guarantee. So we just keep calling the roofing company out which, although not satisfactory at all, means we can do that and get them to effect further repairs. We have changed our energy supplier from Opus to EDF. It was a transfer, not a choice. Our electric meters do indicate that we are paying for at least some of our electricity, despite the claims by some members of the social club committee that we are not paying anything. Also, despite the unfounded claims by some members of the Social Club Committee that the meters were re-wired incorrectly on purpose, I have no knowledge of this at all and am aggrieved at the number of times I have to say that. There have been some changes to our committee membership, and I would like to introduce you to David Peters our new treasurer and booking secretary. I would like to thank Steve Holmes for his work as treasurer who stood down at the end of August. We want to advertise the activities and rooms available at the centre by refreshing the noticeboard. I must apologise to Dave Moss who has offered to help with this by putting this information on the Centre's website. I have not been able to do the work required as yet. Please be mindful, this is your centre, and we are all volunteers. We need more help so any offer of help will be gratefully received. Our aim is not just to keep the centre open and maintain it – but to improve it as well.

6. Treasurer's report. David Peters introduced himself to the members present. He confirmed the financial position as mentioned in the accounts report provided. The financial position is not good bearing in mind the problems with the centre that need

significant money to fix. As of today there is £8509.00 in the bank account.

7. Booking Secretary's Report. David Peters advised the members that Isabella, his daughter and the previous booking secretary, is now working in USA. Some changes have been made to charges for hall hire and 1 bouncy castle only allowed for parties. We are having more regular hirings which is encouraging. Research was done regarding pricing for other venues in the area and further pricing revisions will be looked at in the new year as we still remain cheaper than many.

8. Section Reports.

- (i) Badminton – need more members.
- (ii) Artists – no change from last year
- (iii) Indoor Bowls – Section is doing well. Numbers are good but can always have more.
- (iv) Bridge and outdoor bowls – no representatives available for updates.

9. Proposals – None received.

10 Election of committee members.

- (i) Chairman – Allen McLaughlin
- (ii) Secretary – Paul Mountford
- (iii) Booking Secretary – David Peters
- (iv) Membership Secretary – Vacant ( A notice will be put up for nominations for this role. However, following the meeting, Mike's wife Karen joined the centre and Mike resumed his role. We thank Mike & Karen for this.)
- (v) Treasurer – David Peters

11 AOB – A member asked if management meeting minutes could be displayed and it was agreed that this could happen. Centre and Social Club committees will need to meet. A member suggested it would be helpful if everyone could work together for the benefit of the Centre as a whole. Many agreed with that sentiment.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

**THINGWALL RECREATIONAL CENTRE  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 520124**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Member Subscriptions	4,700	3,894
Rent Received	3,400	3,400
Use of Centre	15,002	14,159
Section Activities	2,700	2,637
Grants	500	-
	<u>26,302</u>	<u>24,090</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Water	1,657	4,539
Electricity and Gas	7,047	5,281
Insurance	3,821	1,720
Cleaning	6,115	6,021
Routine Maintenance, Repairs and Other	14,438	5,886
	<u>33,078</u>	<u>23,447</u>
<b>NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR</b>	<b>-6,776</b>	<b>643</b>

**THINGWALL RECREATIONAL CENTRE  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 520124**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Land and buildings at valuation	250,529	250,529
General fittings, fixtures and equipment	3,539	3,932
<b>Less Depreciation</b>	<b>(354)</b>	<b>(393)</b>
	<b>253,714</b>	<b>254,068</b>
Cash at bank	6,636	13,412
Debtors		
	<b>6,636</b>	<b>13,412</b>
<b>DEDUCT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>260,350</b>	<b>267,480</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY MEMBERS FUND</b>		
Balance at 31 August 2023	94,277	94,028
Net Movement in Year	(6,776)	643
Deduct Depreciation Charge	(354)	(393)
Members Fund	<b>87,147</b>	<b>94,277</b>
Revaluation Reserve	173,203	173,203
	<b>260,350</b>	<b>267,480</b>
<b>Notes</b>		
<b>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</b>		
Historical Cost	77,326	77,326
Revaluation	173,203	173,203
	<b>250,529</b>	<b>250,529</b>
<b>FITTINGS, FIXTURES &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
Opening Balance	3,539	3,932
Depreciation 10% reducing balance	(354)	(393)
	<b>3,185</b>	<b>3,539</b>

**Report for the Trustees of Thingwall Recreational Centre  
Registered Charity Number 520124**

The report for the Trustees show the accounts of Thingwall Recreational Centre for the year ended 31 August 2024 and are set out in in the attached pages

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

The report has been prepared under the guidance of Section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act and following 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Signed: A Fife

Name: Andrew Fife

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): MIIA

Address:

15 Wellfield Road  
Culcheth  
WA34JR

Date: 29 September 2024

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## THINGWALL RECREATION CENTRE

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8pm ON 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

The chairman Ken Roberts opened the meeting at 2000hrs and welcomed everybody. 18 members attended and there were apologies from Terry Scott and Sue Mountford.

Ken apologized for not being able to hold the AGM in 2020 but explained the country had gone into lockdown. He asked for a minutes silence for all the members we had lost.

#### MINUTES OF 2019 AGM

The secretary, Paul Mountford read the minutes from the Annual General Meeting and the extraordinary General Meeting held in 2019.

#### CHAIRMANS REPORT

Ken gave his report saying when he took over he was concerned about the general disrepair of the building and after discussion with the committee, it was agreed to tackle the most urgent repairs first.

The social bar roof was repaired, downspouts were replaced the leaking conservatory roof was repaired an extractor fan installed in the snooker room, central heating was repaired and serviced and the broken curtain rails in the hall were replaced with new blinds.

Unfortunately in March we went into our first lockdown. However we made the most of the opportunity and volunteers painted the hall. Before we could reopen, signage and hand sanitizers were provided to meet Government and Council guidelines. Volunteers from the bowls sections were able to carry out work. They cut back hedging, cleared rubbish and tidied flower beds, 2 pavilions were repaired.

In July we reopened and were able to have dangerous paving relaid, notice boards installed to help attract more interest, A safety barrier by the noticeboards. We then had to close again and during the second lockdown, the foyer was replastered and redecorated by volunteers, the cracked wall in the chess room was replastered, flooring in the foyer and conservatory cleaned, new edging for the top green bought and ongoing maintenance for the greens equipment paid for.

Thankfully the centre reopened again and we were able to renovate the roof of the main building at a cost of approximately £10,000, installation of wi-fi and phone line, radiator was replaced in the main hall, front doors and panels painted by a volunteer, all lighting on the stage replaced and updated, the conservatory roof was replaced, new signage for the front of the building, outdoor lighting for the carpark, signage and noticeboards replaced, side passageway lighting replaced and interior lighting between the bar and stockroom replaced.

We have worked hard for the development of the centre but there is still a lot more to be done. Looking back on the records, it stands out that the drop in membership has always been a problem. Let's hope we have now started to turn that corner.

Ken said he would like to thank all his colleagues on the Centre Committee for all they have done over the last two years and most of all the support he has been given. He would also like to thank the sections for their generous donations which have helped keep the centre running. As a final thank you he would like to mention all the people who devote their time to the greens and surroundings and to the tidying and refurbishing of the building. Without you, the members, none of this would have been possible. We can only hope 2022 will bring better times. Thank you.

TREASURERS REPORT

Allen said there was not an awful lot to say about the accounts. He said that the most important part was that we were down £1000 from last year. We used the grants we got from the government to do the repairs. We would have been unable to do this without the grants. Thanks to Paul for obtaining them. He said everybody had a copy of the accounts and would answer any questions concerning them.

## SECTIONS REPORT

**LADIES BOWLS** Betty said there had been no league games but we had managed a few friendlies and a couple of social days. The numbers are continuing to drop so we will only have an A team next year. She said that we had discussed joining the mens section next year and the ladies had been agreeable. We will now go forward as Thingwall Bowling Club.

**ART** Barry said they were holding their own and had 14 members. He said the art wall in the bar had been changed if anybody wanted to see it.

**BRIDGE** Nobody available

## BADMINTON

Allen said they were struggling when they first came back with just 3 members but they now have 7 and there are a couple more interested.

**MENS BOWLS** Nobody available

**INDOOR BOWLS** Gerda said that the indoor bowls had over 40 members, with afternoon A & B teams and an evening team. There has been no organized play this year but we are hoping to start in 2022. There are approximately 19 social bowlers and 3 young men who bowl at night as they work. There will be a Christmas break from 13<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January. We have had a couple of friendly games. Nice to be back and get plenty of practice.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY Paul Mountford

ASSISTANT SECRETARY Sue Tilston

TREASURER Allen McLaughlin

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Barry Tilston

BOOKING SECRETARY Barbara Montgomery

FLOOR MEMBER Joe Kenny

Ken said he was stepping down from this evening as he said he would perform the job for 1 year and had done 2 years and was unable to continue

Gerda then thanked Ken for all the work he had done and said she was sorry he was leaving as chairman. A round of applause was given to Ken

Paul said he would carry on with the understanding he would be unable to do an awful lot as he was still working full time and would step down if anybody else would like to take it on. He would not leave the centre without a secretary.

Barbara said she was happy to continue as booking secretary but she said she doesn't think anybody knows just how much work is put in by the committee and how much time, particularly Ken who has done an absolutely wonderful job. He has been at the centre morning, noon and night but his health comes first.

Ann Rooney stepped down from the floor member position as it was difficult for her to attend. As neither the proposer or seconder had attended, Landy McCann said she would propose Joe and Iris seconded so Joe was now the floor member.

We also need a chairman as we cannot carry on without one. Nobody offered to do the job. Ken said he had put notices around the centre but nobody replied. Ann said that people must be made aware the centre will have to close if we cannot get a new chairman. Paul said we must have a certain amount of time to find a new chairman but nobody knew how long. We will have to check with the Charity Commission. Iris said anybody can take over at the committee meetings for now so we will continue as we are for the time being.

#### PROPOSITIONS

There were no propositions.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Iris asked how many members had not renewed this year. He was not sure and Ken said that members were beginning to come back so hopefully by next year most people would renew. Iris asked if people came back could we just charge £16 as some money was better than none. Ken felt we were getting new members as the building was looking better especially with the outside lighting.

Barbara said we had had some new bookings, especially from the U3A which is the University of the third age. She had 3 groups using the conservatory, the meeting room and the green room. They are small groups but all agree how nice and how welcoming the centre is. Word is spreading.

Ken said the bowlers would be returning soon. The greens have been closed so work can be done but should be opening shortly. He said Eric had done a wonderful job and the bowlers will notice how much better the greens are next year. All the soil has been tested.

Ken said we had had an e mail from Trish asking a question about the social club Trish was asked what it was and she told Ken he had the email. Paul said Trish had asked about the increase in the rent. Trish said it had gone up

Paul said in answer to the question, we had agreed that between £850 the social club wanted to pay and the £1200 the centre wanted £1000 per quarter was a suitable rent. The insurance has to be paid perhaps be able to work together. the social club.

The new chairman of the Social club stood up and introduced himself and said that hopefully in the new year the two committees can meet and Ken said he hoped so. Ken said once the social club had agree to the rent we have not needed to contact the social club.

There was also the matter of £5000 that had been left to us in a will which had made its way to the social club. Ken said when he realized that had happened he wanted to engage a solicitor but he had been outvoted on that, as he was told it was too expensive. We listen to each other which is how the committee manages to get things done. Iris said there were times they would arrange a meeting with the bar and they would not attend. Ken said they had offered to meet with the bar twice but both times they were told it was inconvenient. Ken asked Trish about an e mail she had sent after he had sent an email to their last chairman and she had replied that all correspondence should be sent to her as the other members had no idea what was going on and she could deny it if she wanted, but there was no reply.

Ken closed the meeting at 20.45

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Land and buildings at valuation	250,529	250,529
General fittings, fixtures and equipment	4,854	5,393
<b>Less Depreciation</b>	<b>(485)</b>	<b>(539)</b>
	<b>254,898</b>	<b>255,383</b>
Cash at bank	30,251	27,609
Cash in hand	-	208
Debtors	1,800	2,500
	<b>32,051</b>	<b>30,317</b>
<b>DEDUCT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	-	(3,681)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>286,949</b>	<b>282,019</b>

**REPRESENTED BY MEMBERS FUND**

Balance at 31 August 2020	108,816	102,803
Net Movement in Year	5,416	6,552
Deduct Depreciation Charge	<b>(485)</b>	<b>(539)</b>
Members Fund	<b>113,746</b>	<b>108,816</b>
Revaluation Reserve	173,203	173,203
	<b>286,949</b>	<b>282,019</b>

**Notes**

**LAND & BUILDINGS**

Historical Cost	77,326	77,326
Revaluation	173,203	173,203
	<b>250,529</b>	<b>250,529</b>

**FITTINGS, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT**

Opening Balance	4,854	5,393
Additions	-	-
Depreciation (Straight line over 10 years)	<b>(485)</b>	<b>(539)</b>
	<b>4,369</b>	<b>4,854</b>

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Member Subscriptions	4,371	3,374
Rent Received	3,300	4,250
Use of Centre	3,606	6,598
Section Activities	760	4,967
Other Income	171	26
Grants	22,371	11,000
	<u>34,578</u>	<u>30,215</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Water	2,373	1,726
Electricity and Gas	1,080	3,722
Insurance	3,786	4,465
Cleaning	4,039	6,401
Security	295	559
Routine Maintenance, Repairs and Other	17,589	6,790
	<u>29,163</u>	<u>23,663</u>
<b>NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR</b>	<b>5,416</b>	<b>6,552</b>

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Signed: Steve Holmes

Name: Stephen Holmes

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Date: 01 November 2021