

MINERS' WELFARE RECREATION GROUND

England & Wales · Charity number 520757

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1964-02-13

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

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Activities

Objects: RECREATION OR PLEASURE GROUND

Activities: Tennis courts, Bowling green, play equipment, flower beds and seating, Football fields and changing rooms, Multi Use Games Area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF CHILTON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£58,081	£95,932	-	-
2024-03-31	£46,227	£45,272	-	-
2023-03-31	£40,926	£45,428	-	-
2022-03-31	£126,615	£37,378	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£28,771	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sue Reece	Chair	2025-06-10
CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL		

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**EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
31ST March 2025**

CHARITY NO. 520757

OVERVIEW

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The aims and objectives of the CMWRG is to “use the land to be used as Recreation and Pleasure Grounds for the benefit of the inhabitants of Chilton and the neighbourhood”.

During 2023/24 the CMWRG has set up its own accounts and does not rely on the Council to record any income and expenditure. All income and expenditure is recorded in its own current bank account with reconciliation sheets shown each month and invoices attached. The income and expenditure for the Charity are therefore not recorded in the Councils annual accounts

On reconciling the current account for the year 2024/25 the CMWRG received income of £57,432 (£12,058 was agreed by Council for an advance of 2025/26 grant so that invoices could be paid in March 2025.

Expenditure as recorded in the CMWRG accounts for the year 2024/25 was £45,932 which is mainly for running of the CMWRG such as grounds maintenance and utilities. This gives a surplus of £11,499 for the year, with a closing balance as at 31st March 2025 of £11,724.

On reconciling the deposit account for the year 2024/25 the CMWRG income received in May 2024 was of bank interest of £649 and expenditure was £50,000 which was transferred to the Council bank account for monies owed. This gave a deficit of £49,351 and a closing balance as at 31st March 2025 of £46,754

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Independent Examiners Report

I (Gordon Fletcher, CMIIA) have reported on the accounts of the Miners Welfare Recreation Ground for the financial year ending 31st March 2025

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b).

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trustees, including a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report.

Based on my examination, it is my belief that the CMWRG would not have been able to function without the support of the Council, who give a grant every year.

If the Council is to contribute to the running costs of the CMWRG then a grant should be agreed by the Council every year during the budget setting process.

No other matter has come to my attention, and the remaining accounts presented do accord with the accounting requirements of the Charities act 1993.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2005)



Gordon Fletcher (C.M.I.I.A.)

Independent Auditor

Date: 30th July 2025

**Income and expenditure records for Chilton Miners Welfare
Recreation Ground for the period ending 31st March 2025**

Opening Fund Balance as at 1 st April 2024	=	£	96,329
Add Income (including grants) received during the year 2024/25	=	£	58,081
Less Expenditure during 2024/25	=	- £	95,932
Closing Fund Balance as at 31 st March 2025	=	£	58.478

For details of breakdown of income and expenditure, see next pages

Reconciliation of Fund as at 31st March 2025

Deposit account as at 31st March 2025	= £ 46,754
Current account as at 31st March 2025	= £ 11,724
Reconciled Balance as at 31st March 2025	= <u>£ 58,478</u>

Breakdown of income

Income

Grants	= £ 45,058
Refunds	= £ 4,792
Room Hire	= £ 2,250
Tennis	= £ 2,927
Croquet	= £ 800
Miscellaneous	= £ 1,605
Bank interest 24/25	= £ 649

TOTAL **= £ 58,081**

Breakdown of Expenditure

Ground Maintenance	= £16,780
Attendance Hours	= £ 2,979
Play Area Inspections	= £ 1,489
Repairs and Maintenance	= £10,909
Electricity	= £ 2,113
Telephone	= £ 153
Water	= £ 1,616
Gas	= £ 390
Insurance	= £ 3,958
Professional Fees	= £ 4,690
Administration	= £ 132
Cleaning	= £ 127
Equipment	= £ 596
Transfer of monies owed	= £ 50,000
Total expenditure	<u>= £ 95,932</u>

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 Period start date To 31st March 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Chilton Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

Charity registration number: 520757

Objectives and Activities

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Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Miners Welfare fund was established in 1920 to be applied to <i>purposes connected with social wellbeing, recreation and conditions of living, of workers in or about coal mines.</i> A committee to administer the fund "the Miners Welfare Committee " established in 1925 and the conveyancing of land and assets for the purpose of the charity is dated 13 th February 1934 governing the Miners Welfare Recreation Ground (charity no. 520757) in the Town of Chilton.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Operation and maintenance (environmental contract) for the Miners Welfare Recreation Ground including: Tennis Croquet Football – no matches played Public Events
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We can confirm that all Trustees have due regard of the Charity Commission on public Guidance when making decisions. We have now included it as part of Trustee induction and training.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	We have operated in line with Trust Deed and objects of the charity to provide social wellbeing, recreation and support for health and wellbeing from the community of Chilton. Providing outdoor recreational spaces and sports facilities.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During the year 2023/24 the charity received income of £46227, this was made up of the following: £28,000 annual grant from Chilton Town Council plus additional refund of £8,182 £3,408 for room hire and activities £731 bank interest £5,906 refund for a water error Expenditure £55,962 for grounds maintenance and utilities. At 31/3/2024 the balance for the accounts was £224 in the current account and £96,105.16 in the deposit account.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserves held
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grant from Chilton Town Council
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Chilton Miners Welfare Recreation Ground
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	520757
Charity's principal address	Hutton House Durham Road Chilton Co Durham DL17 0HE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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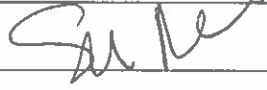
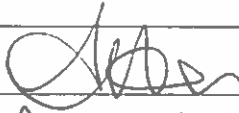
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SUE STEELE	ANNE HALL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATOR
Date	22/1/25.	

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During the year 2023/24 the CMWRG received income of £46,227 which included a transfer of £8,182 from an account which will not be used and it was agreed in March 2023 to transfer the amount to the Charity account.

Expenditure as recorded in the CMWRG accounts for the year 2023/24 was 45,272 which is mainly for running of the CMWRG such as grounds maintenance and utilities. This gives a surplus of £955 for the year.

The income and expenditure for the Charity are therefore not recorded in the Councils annual accounts.

The accounts however, did not reconcile by £54 and I could not explain the difference therefore an adjustment is shown in the reconciliation statement

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Date: 30th November 2024

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Opening Fund Balance as at 1 st April 2023	= £ 45,428
Adjustment required unexplained	= £ - 54
Add Income (including grants) received during the year 2023/24	= £ 46,227
Less Expenditure during 2023/24	= - £ 45,272
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For details of breakdown of income and expenditure, see next pages

Reconciliation of Fund as at 31st March 2024

Deposit account as at 31st March 2024	= £ 96,105
Outstanding monies (Paid September 2024)	= -£ 50,000
Current account as at 31st March 2024.	= £ 224
Reconciled Balance as at 31st March 2024	= <u>£ 46,329</u>

Breakdown of income

Income

Transfer of monies	= £ 8,182
Grants	= £ 28,000
Water refund	= £ 5,906
Room Hire	= £ 2,280
Activities	= £ 1,128
Bank interest 23/24	= £ 540
Bank interest previous year	= £ 191

TOTAL **= £ 46,227**

Breakdown of Expenditure

Ground Maintenance	= £ 25,918
Repairs and Maintenance	= £ 3,274
Electricity	= £ 3,981
Telephone	= £ 302
Water	= £ 7,070
Gas	= £ 239
Insurance	= £ 3,063
Professional Fees	= £ 1,002
Administration	= £ 288
Cleaning	= £ 135
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2022 Period start date To 31st March 2023 Period end date

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

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Expenditure as recorded in the Town Council’s accounts for the year 2022/23 was £55,963 which are for running of the CMWRG such as grounds maintenance and utilities,

The day to day expenditure for the charity is recorded in the Town Council Finance system (RIALTUS) under account codes set up for the CMWRG.

I understand from 1st April 2023 the Charity will have its own bank account and all income and expenditure will be recorded in here.

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Based on my examination, it is my belief that the CMWRG would not have been able to function without the support of the Council, who pay the accounts. These payments have been verified as correct. Income from any fees and charges have also been confirmed.

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Independent Auditor

Date: 1st February 2024

**Income and expenditure records for Chilton Miners Welfare
Recreation Ground for the period ending 31st March 2023**

Opening Fund Balance as at 1 st April 2022	= £ 60,465
Add Income received during the year 2022/23	= £ 10,926
Add budgeted Grant income during 2022/23	= £ 30,000
Less Expenditure from accounts during 2022/23	= - £ 55.963
Less expenditure from bank book	= £ 0
Closing Fund Balance as at 31 st March 2023	= £ 45,428

For details of breakdown of income and expenditure, see next pages

Reconciliation of Fund as at 31st March 2023

Fund balance as at 1st April 2022	= £ 60,465
Expenditure over income for 2022/23	= £ -15,037
Reconciled Balance as at 31st March 2023	= <u>£ 45,428</u>

Breakdown of income

Income

Fees and Charges	= £	8,467
Bank interest (book)	= £	59
Donations and contributions	= £	<u>2,400</u>

TOTAL **= £ 10,926**

Breakdown of Expenditure (Recorded in Town Council Accounts)

Ground Maintenance	= £	23,905
Repairs and Maintenance	= £	4,691
Electricity	= £	1,616
Telephone	= £	407
Water	= £	1,889
Gas	= £	769
Rates	= £	-1547
Professional Fees	= £	18,480
Plants	= £	346
Plant watering	= £	230
Inspections	= £	990
Cleaning	= £	107
Legionella test	= £	710
Attendant extra hours	= £	3,370

Total expenditure **= £ 55,963**

Report to the Trustees of MINERS WELFARE RECREATION GROUND

On the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

DATE: 1st February 2024

1. Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

- 1.1 The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

2. Basis of independent examiner's statement

- 2.1 My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

3. Independent examiner's statement

- 3.1 In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which is not shown in my examiners report.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; 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: 1st February 2024

GORDON FLETCHER
(CMIIA)

Accounts

MINERS WELFARE RECREATION GROUND

**EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
31ST March 2022**

CHARITY NO. 520757

OVERVIEW

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During the year 2021/22 the CMWRG received income of £1,731, (£1,600 in Council accounts and £131 in bank book), (Little income collected due to the Pandemic) and a grant from the Council of £29,700 which was to cover the expenditure (£28,771) from the previous year from the Town Council's accounts. This grant was more than the expenditure £929.

Expenditure as recorded in the Town Council's accounts for the year 2021/22 was £37,378 payments are for running of the CMWRG such as grounds maintenance and utilities, which will need to be funded by the Council in 2022/23.

The day to day expenditure recorded in the Town Council accounts is shown in their accounts under account codes set up for the CMWRG. I understand from 1st April 2023 the Charity will have its own bank account and all income and expenditure will be recorded in here.

The income and expenditure for the Charity are not recorded in the Councils annual accounts.

Independent Examiners Report

I (Gordon Fletcher, CMIIA) have reported on the accounts of the Miners Welfare Recreation Ground for the financial year ending 31st March 2022.

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b).

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trustees, including a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report.

Based on my examination, it is my belief that the CMWRG would not have been able to function without the support of the Council, who pay the accounts. These payments have been verified as correct. Income from any fees and charges have also been confirmed.

If the Council is to contribute to the running costs of the CMWRG then a grant should be agreed by the Council, during the budget setting process.

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Gordon Fletcher (C.M.I.I.A.)

Independent Auditor

Date:

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Recreation Ground for the period ending 31st March 2022**

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Add Income received during the year 2021/22	= £ 1,731
Add Grant income during 2021/22	= £ 29,700
(This covers expenditure from 2020/21)	
Less Expenditure from accounts during 2021/22	= £ -37,378
(To be covered by Grant from Council in 2022/23)	
Less expenditure from book	= £- 12,970
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Reconciliation of Bank Book as at 31st March 2022

Book balance as at 1st April 2021	= £ 95,314
Owed to Council 2021/22 (Grant in 2022/23)	= £ - 35,778
Difference from Council grant for last year	= £ + 929
Reconciled Balance as at 31st March 2022	= <u>£ 60,465</u>

Breakdown of income

Income

Fees and Charges	= £	1,600
Bank interest	= £	131
Hire of room	= £	0
TOTAL	= £	<u>1,731</u>

Grant from Town Council = £29,700

Breakdown of Expenditure (Recorded in Town Council Accounts)

Ground Maintenance	= £	18,227
Repairs and Maintenance	= £	7,629
Electricity	= £	593
Telephone	= £	827
Water	= £	2,310
Gas	= £	1,037
Rates	= £	1,547
Professional Fees	=£	2,940
Advertising	= £	893
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