

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS MINERS WELFARE RECREATION GROUND AND INSTITUTE

England & Wales · Charity number 522705

Details

Other names	NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS MINERS WELFARE RECREATION GROUND OR PLEASURE GROUND, NORTON CRICKET CLUB AND MINERS WELFARE INSTITUTE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Company number	03239846
Registered	1963-09-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROVISION OF A RECREATION GROUND AND INSTITUTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS (AND IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY SUCH OF THE SAID INHABITANTS AS ARE MEMBERS OF THE MINING COMMUNITY) OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS (FOR FURTHER OBJECTS SEE GD)

Activities: Norton-in-the-Moors Miners Welfare provides facilities and open space for community groups from a wide catchment area within Stoke on Trent. Based in Smallthorne and working in co-operation with local stakeholders such as the City Council, the Charity provides extensive support for people of all ages with particular emphasis on the young and the elderly.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£84,354	£78,845	-	-
2023-12-31	£84,842	£94,902	-	-
2022-12-31	£90,490	£83,400	-	-
2021-12-31	£115,511	£112,892	-	-
2020-12-31	£67,850	£67,051	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael John Clewes	Chair	2015-10-17
David Hughes		2024-12-10
Emma Brown		2025-05-13
Ian Bennett		2025-06-13

Linked charities

- NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS MINERS WELFARE RECREATION GROUND (522705-1)

Accounts

Norton Cricket and Miners Welfare Club

(Trading as Norton Sports Club)

Community Drive, Smallthorne, Stoke on Trent, ST6 1QF

Telephone – 01782 838290

Annual Report for the period 1/1/24 to 31/12/24

Throughout the year, the trustees have continued to keep main purpose of the club at the forefront, these are outlined below:


- To provide sporting and recreational facilities within the local area and the wider environment
- To enable schools, colleges, armed forces and local community to access facilities
- To upkeep sporting areas and leisure facilities and continue to develop these according to finances available
- To create a purposeful and non-profit organisation that will offer opportunities for success in the local area

During the year there has been some significant changes with Stoke City Ladies finding new premises thus leaving us with a large financial gap to fill. In order to maintain the facilities, new teams have been sought with some success and the 4G continues to be very efficiently used and provide a valuable source of income. The club house has gained in popularity and is being booked for larger events.

- Work continued from previous year, to ensure premises were fit for purpose and met health and safety requirements. Examples, not limited to:
 - New floors have been put into some of changing rooms and vinyl floor covering laid
 - Two changing rooms have been fully decorated
 - External painting has been completed around the stadium pitch
 - Remedial work has been carried out to some changing rooms to repair plaster damage and decoration
 - External areas have been tidied up via weeding, painting and general maintenance work
 - The sports hall has had a new suspended ceiling put in place, electrics have been re-placed, electric heating installed, sports lighting has been commissioned, and flooring has been repaired and whole hall has been re-decorated
- A local dance troop are using the sports hall for practise on a regular basis and further outreach groups of varying groups continue to be sought
- Regular reviews and updates of necessary health and safety policies
- There is continued use of the sports facilities by local community, colleges, emergency services personnel and schools.
- Several charity football matches have taken place supporting local charities

All trustees continue to work hard to drive change and support the club's progression. There is a continued drive to seek new trustees to enable the club to move forward with new initiatives and opportunities.

- Club continues to be debt free
- Accounts process is good – all trustees aware of processes, accounts have been independently verified
- The opening balance for the club on 1/1/24 was £448.57 which aligns with closing balance from 31/12/23. A total of £84,354.20 was paid in during the year, £78,845.52 was paid out to update premises, maintain grounds, operate the premises and provide safe systems for use. The closing balance was £5957.25
- Continued support from CISWO is sought as necessary
- On going discussions with local football communities to generate new memberships

Signed  Position CHAIRMAN Date 16TH JANUARY 2025

Norton Sports FC 2024				
	Income	Expenditure		
Jan-24	£ 32,537.60	£ 24,667.91		
Feb-24	£ 7,495.40	£ 3,288.17		
Mar-24	£ 1,382.61	£ 12,220.49		
Apr-24	£ 3,354.49	£ 4,081.43		
May-24	£ 1,525.52	£ 2,352.88		
Jun-24	£ 5,323.04	£ 826.12		
Jul-24	£ 8,704.88	£ 7,161.73		
Aug-24	£ 3,347.41	£ 6,721.34		
Sep-24	£ 5,773.89	£ 6,088.18		
Oct-24	£ 7,274.55	£ 4,429.64		
Nov-24	£ 2,842.73	£ 3,989.55		
Dec-24	£ 4,792.08	£ 3,018.08		
Total	£ 84,354.20	£ 78,845.52		

My name is Sue Woolstencroft and I am employed as a secretary in education. I have examined the accounts for Norton Sport Club for the year 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

The charity reference number is 522705 and the club is based in Stoke on Trent.

I have been provided with the accounts, invoices and receipts from the year identified.

I have checked the charity website and discussed with the chairman and confirm that the accounts sit in the threshold for independent examination but not necessarily with an accountant.

I have no close relationship with any of the trustees, nor do I have any connection to the day to day running of the club. I am suitably educated to overview the accounts and check that books are in order.

I have been provided with an overview of the club constitution and trustee meeting notes, all of which are signed and dated and in order. All trustees are agreed that an independent verification is required due to the amount of income being above £25,000, this is in line with advice offered by the Charities Commission.

On examination of the accounts I verify the following details:

The treasurer is Laurie Chamberlain and she is able to explain all the incoming and outgoing expenditure.

She seeks authorisation if necessary and is diligent in her recording of these transactions.

The annual folder is stored at the club office.

At trustees' meetings any account/financial questions are discussed and actioned.

Trustees meet regularly with treasurer and monthly financial update is given at these meetings

Spreadsheet overview of accounts demonstrate that incoming and outgoing monies are accounted for

There is clear and coherent practice and systems are effectively utilised, for example, direct debits, bank transfers

Incoming monies are used to re-generate and maintain facilities for the community

The carry forward from previous year is identified and previous year overview has been made available

The total amount of money paid in and paid out is balanced correctly as seen in final overview submitted with the declaration

Signed S. Woolstencroft Position Education Admin Date 25/1/25

Accounts

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- To create a purposeful and non-profit organisation that will offer opportunities for success in the local area

During the year things remained consistent and stable, the 4G continued to be well used as was the social club on site.

Work continued from previous year, to ensure premises were fit for purpose and met health and safety requirements. Examples, not limited to:

- Various roof repairs have been carried out, burst water pipes to changing rooms were repaired and changing rooms decorated as required
- A dehumidifier was purchased to support the drying out process
- Work continues on developing the sports hall as finances allow
- Regular reviews and updates of necessary health and safety policies
- Pitch Power grant funding has been obtained for improvement of pitches, including drainage works and pitch maintenance
- There is continued use of the facilities by local community, colleges, emergency services personnel and schools.
- The local community was supported at Christmas time via the provision of meals

All trustees continue to work hard to drive change and support the club's progression. There is a continued drive to seek new trustees to enable the club to move forward with new initiatives and opportunities.

- Club continues to be debt free
- Accounts process is good – all trustees aware of processes, accounts have been independently verified
- The opening balance for the club on 1/1/23 was £10,508.39. A total of £84,842.41 was paid in during the year, £94,902.23 was paid out to update premises, maintain grounds, operate the premises and provide safe systems for use. The closing balance was £448.57
- Continued support from CISWO is sought as necessary
- On going discussions with local football communities to generate new memberships
- Next year it is planned to complete the Sports Hall update subject to grant approval
- New carpet and floor covering to be put into the concert room subject to funding

Signed.....*M J Barr*..... Position.....*CHAIRMAN*..... Date.....*10TH JAN 2024*.....

Norton Sports FC 2023

	Income	Expenditure		
			Opening Balance 01/01/2023	£10,508.39
Jan-23	£4,200.00	£4,585	Incomings 2023	£84,842.41
Feb-23	£23,000.00	£12,969	Expenditure 2023	£94,902.23
Mar-23	£6,940.00	£8,926	Closing Balance 31/12/2023	£ 448.57
Apr-23	£ 400.00	£3,862		
May-23	£2,160.00	£11,516		
Jun-23	£30,120.00	£11,552		
Jul-23	£1,130.00	£11,677		
Aug-23	£11,007.37	£4,454		
Sep-23	£2,540.00	£8,355		
Oct-23	£ 0.00	£9,892		
Nov-23	£2,935.04	£5,610		
Dec-23	£ 410.00	£1,505		
	£84,842.41	£94,902.23		

My name is Sue Woolstencroft and I have examined the accounts for Norton Sport Club for the year 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

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I have been provided with the accounts, invoices and receipts from the year identified.

I have checked the charity website and discussed with the chairman and confirm that the accounts sit in the threshold for independent examination but not necessarily with an accountant.

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On examination of the accounts I verify the following details:

- The folder presented for verification is clearly organised and shows monthly invoices/receipts and income in an organised fashion so information is easily found
- Trustees meet regularly with treasurer and monthly financial update is given at these meetings
- Spreadsheet overview of accounts demonstrate that incoming and outgoing monies are properly accounted for
- There is clear and coherent practice
- A reimbursement system is in place
- It is clear that the source for incoming monies is from reliable sporting sources and pays for premises and facilities use
- Monies generated are immediately put back into the club via maintenance and upkeep projects, new initiatives and future planning
- Direct debit arrangements have been made wherever possible
- The carry forward from previous year is identified and previous year overview has been made available
- The total amount of money paid in and paid out is balanced correctly as seen in final overview submitted with the declaration

Signed S. Woolstencroft Position Education Administrator Date 17/1/24

Accounts

Norton Cricket and Miners Welfare Club

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Trustees Annual Report for the period 1/1/22 to 31/12/22

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During the year there were several changes due to some of the long-standing teams ceasing to continue. This had some impact on personnel and finances. However, the club continued to seek new opportunities and new teams joined us.

Work continued from previous year, to ensure premises were fit for purpose and met health and safety requirements. Examples, not limited to:

- All club house has been completely re-decorated and external works continue – for example – re-building of boundary wall knocked down by vandals
- Early work has begun to convert one of the outbuildings into a sports hall
- Regular reviews and updates of necessary health and safety policies
- Pitch Power grant funding has been obtained for improvement of pitches
- There is continued use of the facilities by local community, colleges, emergency services personnel and schools.
- A new mum and toddlers' group has been established – this continues to grow
- 500 Christmas meals were provided for elderly and school communities in the local area

All trustees continue to work hard to drive change and support the club's progression. There is a continued drive to seek new trustees to enable the club to move forward with new initiatives and opportunities.

- Club continues to be debt free
- Accounts process is good – all trustees aware of processes, accounts have been independently verified
- The opening balance for the club on 1/1/22 was £3417.75. A total of £90,490.62 was paid in during the year, £83,399.98 was paid out to update premises, maintain grounds, operate the premises and provide safe systems for use. The closing balance was £10,508.39
- Continued support from CISWO is sought as necessary
- On going discussions with local football communities to generate new memberships
- Plans have been approved for new changing rooms, new external toilet block and storage facilities and it is hoped these works can start soon as this was planned for last year but funding continues to be sought
- Ground security has been assessed with a view to obtaining grants to make the grounds more secure due to on-going problem with vandalism

Signed  Position CHAIRMAN Date 26/7/2023

Norton Sports		
Statement of Accounts		
Opening Balance	01.01.2022	£3,417.75
Paid In		£90,490.62
Paid Out		£83,399.98
Closing Balance	31.12.2022	£10,508.39

Closing Balance Reconciled to Statement Number 70

My name is Nicola Howbrigg and I have been asked to independently examine the accounts for Norton Sport Club for the year 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

The charity reference number is 522705 and the club is based in Stoke on Trent.

I have been provided with the accounts, invoices and receipts from the year identified.

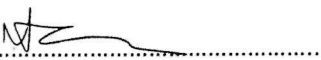
I have checked the charity website and discussed with the chairman and confirm that the accounts sit in the threshold for independent examination but not necessarily with an accountant.

I have no close relationship with any of the trustees, nor do I have any connection to the day to day running of the club. I am suitably educated to overview the accounts and check that books are in order.

I have been provided with an overview of the club constitution and trustee meeting notes, all of which are signed and dated and in order. All trustees are agreed that an independent financial overview be carried out due to the amount of money to be accounted for is over £25,000, this is in line with advice offered by the Charities Commission.

On examination of the accounts, I can verify the following details:

- Regular monthly meetings are held where account updates are shared with trustees
- The treasurer keeps the accounts in good order, invoices, receipts etc are organised into a monthly system alongside any direct debit information
- Most of the financial transactions are carried out via the on-line banking system, cheques are rarely used but two signatories are required if cheques are used
- Direct debit system is set up for regular payments – e.g. insurance/electricity/water
- Spreadsheet overview of accounts demonstrate that incoming and outgoing monies are properly accounted for
- There is clear and coherent practice with the treasurer able to clarify any questions
- A reimbursement system is in place as needed should trustees pay out for incidentals
- It is clear that the source for incoming monies is from reliable sporting sources and pays for premises and facilities use
- Monies generated are immediately put back into the club via maintenance and upkeep projects, new initiatives and future planning
- The carry forward from previous year is identified and previous year overview has been made available
- The total amount of money paid in and paid out is balanced correctly
- There is a clear plan of how to move the charity forward in the future, grant funding applications and expansion of accessibility

Signed 

Position: Assistant Headteacher

Date: 26th July 2023

Accounts

	01/01/2021-31/12/2021				
		Opening Balance	799.49	Closing Balance	3417.75
		Total Paid In	115510.55	Total Paid Out	112892.29
		Total Balance	116310.04	Total Balance	116310.04

My name is Nicola Howbrigg and I have been asked to independently examine the accounts for Norton Sport Club for the year 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021.

The charity reference number is 522705 and the club is based in Stoke on Trent.

I have been provided with the account file which includes all necessary information for perusal.


I have checked the charity website and discussed with the chairman and confirm that the accounts sit in the threshold for independent examination but not necessarily with an accountant.

I have no close relationship with any of the trustees, nor do I have any connection to the day to day running of the club. I am suitably educated to overview the accounts and check that books are in order.

I have been provided with an overview of the club constitution and trustee meeting notes, all of which are signed and dated and in order. All trustees are agreed that an independent financial overview be carried out due to the amount of money to be accounted for is over £25,000, this is in line with advice offered by the Charities Commission.

On examination of the accounts, I verify the following details:

- Throughout the year, at regular meetings, financial overviews have been provided, all trustees are aware of systems and processes, evidenced in notes
- The banking system is appropriately used by the treasurer and if cheques are used, two signatures are needed, a lot of the banking is done on line/direct debit/direct payments
- Spreadsheet overview of accounts demonstrate that incoming and outgoing monies are properly accounted for
- All receipts and invoices are in order, there is clear and coherent practice
- A reimbursement system is in place for expenses incurred
- It is clear that the source for incoming monies is from reliable sporting sources and pays for premises and facilities use and upkeep
- Monies generated are immediately put back into the club via maintenance and upkeep projects, new initiatives and future planning
- The carry forward from previous year is identified and previous year overview has been made available
- The total amount of money paid in and paid out is balanced correctly
- There is a clear plan of how to move the charity forward in the future.

Signed  Position **HEAD OF MUSIC,** Date **23.9.2022**
MFL, QUALIFIED
TEACHER

Norton Cricket and Miners Welfare Club

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Trustees Annual Report for the period 1/1/21 to 31/12/21

Throughout the year, the trustees have continued to keep main purpose of the club at the forefront, these are outlined below:

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- To upkeep sporting areas and leisure facilities and continue to develop these according to finances available
- To create a purposeful and non-profit organisation that will offer opportunities for success in the local area

As the club emerged from the second wave of COVID in the early part of the year – the club maintained the ethos and values based on the core purpose of supporting the community and providing sporting activity for an increasing range of groups. The council grants provided ensured the club could continue to pay its way and improve services once restrictions were lifted.

A lot of work was undertaken to ensure premises were fit for purpose and met health and safety requirements. Examples, not limited to:

- Roof maintenance and repairs completed
- Five-year electrical certification, fire and burglar alarm updates
- New risk assessment and health and safety policies implemented

Football Foundation grants have been successful and these monies have been used to update machinery (in line with the grant application) and to maintain grounds.

As the club opened up following the COVID period, facilities were used by local community, colleges, emergency services personnel and schools. All in line with club ethos and values.

All trustees continue to work hard to drive change and support the club's progression. There is a continued drive to seek new trustees to enable the club to move forward with new initiatives and opportunities.

- Club continues to be debt free
- Accounts process is good – all trustees aware of processes
- Accounts have been independently verified
- The opening balance for the club on 1/1/21 was £799.49. A total of £115510.55 was paid in during the year, £112892.29 was paid out to update premises, maintain grounds, operate the premises and provide safe systems for use. The closing balance was £3417.75.
- Continued support from CISWO is sought as necessary
- Plans are in place for club to be decorated throughout, further ground improvement, new members are being sought.
- Plans have been approved for new changing rooms, new external toilet block and storage facilities and it is hoped these works can start next year if funding can be obtained.

Signed.......... Position.....CHAIRMAN..... Date.....24/9/2022.....

Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report for the period 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020

- Throughout the year we have kept the main purpose of the club in mind, these are outlined below:
- To provide sporting and recreational facilities within the local area and a wider environment
- To enable schools, colleges, and armed forces to access the facilities
- To upkeep the sporting areas and leisure facilities and to improve them according to the financial ability to do so
- To create a purposeful and non-profit organisation that will offer opportunities for success in the local area

Upholding these values throughout the year has been extremely difficult due to the pandemic that has affected the whole country, the premises have been closed since March 2020 with a brief re-opening in September 2020 only to be closed again in December 2020.

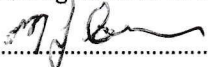
During the closures in 2020, there have been great problems with vandalism, mainly to the windows and club house roofing areas which resulted in water penetration, these repairs will need to be worked through in the forthcoming year.

When COVID restrictions have allowed a brief return to sporting activity, the facilities continued to be used by the police, first aiders, fire service and the local community. Alongside this both girls' and boys' junior football has begun to establish itself. All COVID Risk assessments have been put in place aligned with government guidance.

The facilities continue to be updated, this year this has included, decorating the external premises, ploughing up, levelled and re-seeded the top club house sports area, this was an extensive piece of work which will maintain the sports facilities for many years to come. This has been supported by local authority grants.

Sponsorship continues to be sought and built upon in order to generate further income.

- The club continues to be debt free
- Clear and coherent accounts process, cash free and more accountability
- Regular minuted meetings and policies in place
- Funding has been a lot less this year due to COVID
- Plans are in place for further roof maintenance, five-year electrical certification, fire and burglar alarm updates, together with a comprehensive risk assessment and health and safety policy updates
- There are now six trustees in place who attend meetings bi-monthly – all trustees work proactively for the good of the club and have a good working relationship
- Support is sought from CISWO as required
- Accounts are all in order and independent verification has been carried out
- Last year the club had an opening balance of £6802.47 with £61048.02 being paid in during the year. £67051.00 was paid out during the year to update facilities as described and for running costs – leaving opening balance of £799.49 at January 1st 2021

Signed  Position CHAIRMAN Date 22nd MARCH 2021

My name is Nicola Howbrigg and I have been asked to independently examine the accounts for Norton Sport Club for the year 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

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I have been provided with the accounts, invoices and receipts from the year identified.

I have checked the charity website and discussed with the chairman and confirm that the accounts sit in the threshold for independent examination but not necessarily with an accountant.

I have no close relationship with any of the trustees, nor do I have any connection to the day to day running of the club. I am suitably educated to overview the accounts and check that books are in order.

I am a qualified teacher and I am responsible for managing the funding allocation for the music department.

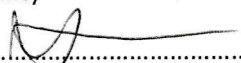
Additionally, I run my own choirs outside of school and I maintain financial records for these.

I have been provided with an overview of the club constitution and trustee meeting notes, all of which are signed and dated and in order. All trustees are agreed that an independent financial overview be carried out due to the amount of money to be accounted for is over £25,000, this is in line with advice offered by the Charities Commission.

This is the second time that an independent overview has been commissioned, I carried this out last year too.

On examination of the accounts, I verify the following details:

- Meetings have been held throughout the year, some of these have been remotely held due to restrictions in place due to COVID 19 pandemic. Trustees are aware of processes and accounts are reviewed on regular basis
- Policies are followed – examples of reimbursement process are evident
- A new treasurer has been duly appointed and two signatories continue to be required for cheque purposes
- Overview of accounts demonstrate that incoming and outgoing monies are properly accounted for and correspond to bank statements
- All receipts and invoices are in order and aligned to bank account statements
- New direct debits for utility bills and insurances have been set up to ensure efficiency
- It is clear that the source for incoming monies is from reliable sporting sources and pays for premises and facilities use, grant money from local authority has been accounted for
- Monies generated are immediately put back into the club via maintenance and upkeep projects, new initiatives and future planning
- The total amount of money paid in and paid out is balanced correctly
- There is a clear plan of how to move the charity forward in the future, grant funding applications and expansion of accessibility

Signed  Position...Head of Music..... Date...25.02.2021

01/01/20 to 31/12/20				
Opening Balance	6,802.47	Closing Balance	£799.49	
Total Paid In	61,048.02	Total Paid Out	£67,051.00	
Total Balance	67,850.49	Total Balance	£67,850.49	

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Upholding these values throughout the year has been extremely difficult due to the pandemic that has affected the whole country, the premises have been closed since March 2020 with a brief re-opening in September 2020 only to be closed again in December 2020.

During the closures in 2020, there have been great problems with vandalism, mainly to the windows and club house roofing areas which resulted in water penetration, these repairs will need to be worked through in the forthcoming year.

When COVID restrictions have allowed a brief return to sporting activity, the facilities continued to be used by the police, first aiders, fire service and the local community. Alongside this both girls' and boys' junior football has begun to establish itself. All COVID Risk assessments have been put in place aligned with government guidance.

The facilities continue to be updated, this year this has included, decorating the external premises, ploughing up, levelled and re-seeded the top club house sports area, this was an extensive piece of work which will maintain the sports facilities for many years to come. This has been supported by local authority grants.

Sponsorship continues to be sought and built upon in order to generate further income.

- The club continues to be debt free
- Clear and coherent accounts process, cash free and more accountability
- Regular minuted meetings and policies in place
- Funding has been a lot less this year due to COVID
- Plans are in place for further roof maintenance, five-year electrical certification, fire and burglar alarm updates, together with a comprehensive risk assessment and health and safety policy updates
- There are now six trustees in place who attend meetings bi-monthly – all trustees work proactively for the good of the club and have a good working relationship
- Support is sought from CISWO as required
- Accounts are all in order and independent verification has been carried out
- Last year the club had an opening balance of £6802.47 with £61048.02 being paid in during the year. £67051.00 was paid out during the year to update facilities as described and for running costs – leaving opening balance of £799.49 at January 1st 2021

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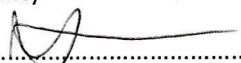
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Opening Balance	6,802.47	Closing Balance	£799.49	
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Trustees Annual Report for the period 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020

- Throughout the year we have kept the main purpose of the club in mind, these are outlined below:
- To provide sporting and recreational facilities within the local area and a wider environment
- To enable schools, colleges, and armed forces to access the facilities
- To upkeep the sporting areas and leisure facilities and to improve them according to the financial ability to do so
- To create a purposeful and non-profit organisation that will offer opportunities for success in the local area

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During the closures in 2020, there have been great problems with vandalism, mainly to the windows and club house roofing areas which resulted in water penetration, these repairs will need to be worked through in the forthcoming year.

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Sponsorship continues to be sought and built upon in order to generate further income.

- The club continues to be debt free
- Clear and coherent accounts process, cash free and more accountability
- Regular minuted meetings and policies in place
- Funding has been a lot less this year due to COVID
- Plans are in place for further roof maintenance, five-year electrical certification, fire and burglar alarm updates, together with a comprehensive risk assessment and health and safety policy updates
- There are now six trustees in place who attend meetings bi-monthly – all trustees work proactively for the good of the club and have a good working relationship
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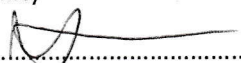
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