

BIRCH COPPICE MINERS' SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 522921

Details

Other names BIRCH COPPICE RECREATION GROUND

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-06-07

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY IS THE 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.

Activities: Football - from 7yrs - open age adult + female teams, incl coachingCrown Green BowlingShort Mat BowlingRetired Miners Wednesday ClubLocal PTA association - prize bingoCricket - junior, senior and female teams, incl coaching.Covering local community in Dordon and wider area of Tamworth, Atherstone, Polesworth.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE PARISH OF DORDON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£11,935	£3,118	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,016	£12,169	-	-
2023-03-31	£14,091	£5,653	-	-
2022-03-31	£10,822	£4,505	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,496	£4,808	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aubrey Phipps		2018-12-09
Christopher Gee		2023-11-01
Heather Rosemary Thomas		2018-12-08
James DORMAND		2023-11-01
Stephen Thomas		2023-03-01

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Accounts

BIRCH COPPICE MINERS'
SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

BIRCH COPPICE MINERS' SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

TRUSTEES	-	G Brewster H Thomas A Phipps S Thomas C Gee (Appointed 1/11/2023) J Dormand (Appointed 1/11/2023)
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	-	522921
SCHEME ADDRESS	-	Watling Street Dordon Nr. Tamworth STAFFORDSHIRE B78 1SY
BANKERS	-	The Co-operative Bank plc 8 Colehill Tamworth Staffordshire B79 7HE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	-	J Wallage FCA CISWO (Trading) Limited The Old Rectory Rectory Drive Whiston Rotherham South Yorkshire S60 4JG

BIRCH COPPICE MINERS' SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts which can be found on page 7.

Constitution and Objects

The charity is constituted by a scheme dated 9 December 2004 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 June 1962 under the number 522921.

The objects of the charity are to provide a recreation ground and institute for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village of Dordon near Tamworth and the surrounding area, particularly (but not exclusively) those who are members of the mining community.

The trustees have referred to the guidance given by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and details of the activities that have taken place during the year can be found later in this report.

Organisational Structure

The trustees who served the charity during the year are shown on page 1.

The charity is responsible for maintaining the premises and its contents and grounds in a suitable state of repair for use by those who live in the surrounding area. It raises income through various charitable activities, the main one being the hiring out of its facilities to the general public, but a substantial amount of its income comes from its connected trading company, Birch Coppice Sports & Social Club Ltd, which pays an annual occupational licence fee in order to run its business from the charity's premises. In addition to this, the company also transfers any profits it makes to the charity under a gift aid agreement so the trustees work closely with the company's directors to try and ensure the company is profitable, thus ensuring extra income for the charity.

Trustee vacancies are advertised and interested parties are asked to apply in writing. Interviews will be held and suitable candidates are then notified to their nominating body being either CISWO, NUM or members. The Trustee Board is made up of equal numbers of each nominating body.

Financial Review

The charity had net income of £12,847 for the year (2023 : £8,438), an increase of £4,409 on the previous year. A few years ago on 1 April 2010, the charity hived off the members' club trade, utilising the CISWO model advocated by the Charity Commission. Whilst this trading company continues to battle against external economic factors, the Trustees acknowledge that without the receipt of the occupational licence of £5,200, the charity would have shown a smaller increase for the year so ongoing efforts are being made to improve this situation going forward.

Review of Activities

The trustees of the club have over the past year continued to work with the bar directors and committee members keeping a close eye on finances and making savings wherever possible, these areas are critical to the successful running of the centre.

The club is the home of the local disabled swimming club who use the club for meetings and social events, we have a pigeon fanciers flying club open to all, there is also a show pigeon club with people showing birds from many parts of the Country. A retired miners group would usually use the club for dancing and entertainment on Wednesdays.

The centre has a ladies darts team which play on Thursday evenings through the winter months, we have an indoor bowling club open to all and in the summer we now have five crown green bowling teams which again are open to all and continues to grow and are also the league headquarters of the Baddesley midweek bowling league.

The centre is the home of the local marching band (Dynamic Vibe) who practice every week at the centre involving all age groups.

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BIRCH COPPICE MINERS' SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

Review of Activities

Belgrave Sports & Social Club Football Team now use the football pitch and the Salutation Motor Cycle Club have made their base at the club where they have held a number of functions also bringing a boost to the local shops with their weekend events. The trustees will continue to support the community at all times.

Investment Policy

The charity does not have an investment policy as such but the trustees have taken the sensible approach and placed the bulk of the charity liquid assets in interest bearing bank accounts. This then provides a small amount of extra income for the charity in the form of interest but means that the monies are readily available as and when they are required.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover anticipated administration and support costs for a period of 12 months. Any additional reserves are held to provide a capital fund for repairs that will be required for the upkeep of the premises.

Risk Management

The trustees are aware of the operational and financial risks which the charity faces and regularly reviews those risks to mitigate against any impact they may have on the charity. The major risks facing the charity are the continued success of the social club from which it derives its main funding, the support of individuals and the community in using the facilities and the introduction of the younger generation to provide for the future. The trustees work closely with directors, committee and members to address these risks.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales required the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


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Signed - Trustee

HEATHER THOMAS
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Print Name

16-12-24
.....
Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BIRCH COPPICE MINERS' SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above named charity (registered number 522921) for the period ended 31 March 2024, set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustees' accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiners 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 Charity 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.

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J Wallage FCA
On behalf of CISWO (Trading) Limited
The Old Rectory
Rectory Drive
Whiston
Rotherham
S60 4JG

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Date

BIRCH COPPICE MINERS SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Income and Endowments</u>	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Occupational Licence		5,200	5,200
Subscriptions		201	547
Room hire		4,279	1,900
Pitch and grounds hire		4,030	6,210
Donations		2,276	-
Grants		9,000	-
Sundry income		30	234
Total Income		<u>25,016</u>	<u>14,091</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>			
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>			
Rent, rates and water		1,257	1,676
Insurance		1,249	3,000
Grant Expenditure		8,158	-
Depreciation	2	845	341
		<u>11,509</u>	<u>5,017</u>
 <u>Management and Administration</u>			
Accountancy		660	636
Total expenditure		<u>12,169</u>	<u>5,653</u>
 Net movement in funds		 12,847	 8,438
Fund balances brought forward		89,733	81,295
Fund balances carried forward		<u>102,580</u>	<u>89,733</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Tangible fixed assets	2	47,071	47,916
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Debtors and prepayments	3	57,427	42,693
Cash at bank and in hand		919	414
		<u>58,346</u>	<u>43,107</u>
<u>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors falling due within one year	4	<u>(2,837)</u>	<u>(1,290)</u>
Net Current Assets		55,509	41,817
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>102,580</u>	<u>89,733</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>102,580</u></u>	<u><u>89,733</u></u>
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Unrestricted Funds		<u><u>102,580</u></u>	<u><u>89,733</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Signed - Trustee

HEATHER THOMAS
.....
Print Name

16-12-24
.....
Date

BIRCH COPPICE MINERS SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate reserves to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the accounts.

(b) Income Recognition

Income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. Donations are recognised when they are received.

(c) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expense, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Grants are recognised when they are approved and intention has been communicated to the recipient.

(d) Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation has been calculated to write off the value of the fixed assets over their expected economic lives, with a full year's charge being applied in the year of acquisition. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15% per annum (reducing balance basis)
Bar refurbishment	- 15% per annum (reducing balance basis)

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	<u>Extensions to premises property</u>	<u>Bar Refurbish- ment</u>	<u>Fixtures, fittings and equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	
<u>Cost or Valuation</u>				
At 1 April 2023	45,984	44,555	60,242	150,781
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>45,984</u>	<u>44,555</u>	<u>60,242</u>	<u>150,781</u>
<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>				
At 1 April 2023	-	44,167	58,698	102,865
Charge for the year	-	58	787	845
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>44,225</u>	<u>59,485</u>	<u>103,710</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>				
At 31 March 2024	<u>45,984</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>757</u>	<u>47,071</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>45,984</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>1,544</u>	<u>47,916</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
3. <u>DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS</u>		
Prepayments	468	-
Amount due from Birch Coppice Sports and Social Club Ltd	56,959	42,693
	<u>57,427</u>	<u>42,693</u>
4. <u>CREDITORS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</u>		
Purchase Ledger	2,140	620
Accruals	697	670
	<u>2,837</u>	<u>1,290</u>