

DENBY GRANGE RECREATION GROUND

England & Wales · Charity number 523942

Details

Other names DENBY GRANGE COLLIERIES ATHLETIC CLUB

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-09-26

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

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Activities

Objects: RECREATION GROUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE BENEFICIAL AREA AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE AS ARE MEMBERS OF THE MINING COMMUNITY.

Activities: To encourage the playing of all games within the scope of the club through the provision of practice and playing facilities, coaching and fixtures for all members

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** OVERTON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- City Of Wakefield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£86,680	£102,889	-	-
2023-12-31	£60,949	£60,484	-	-
2022-12-31	£8,851	£20,971	-	-
2021-12-31	£28,280	£7,815	-	-
2020-12-31	£21,347	£8,238	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW PHILIP TURNER	Chair	
David Wright		2025-11-04
GARETH PELZER		2021-04-25
NICHOLAS FINNIGAN		2022-03-28
Philip Mack		2025-09-12
Phillip Johnson		2025-09-12
ROBERT JOHN WEBB		
Scott Allan Walker		2023-06-13
Teresa Allott		2021-04-25

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Chairman's Report – March 2025

Once more you won't be surprised to hear that this report will be dominated by our new build. I did write a year ago 'Build it and they will come', we have 'sort of' finished the project (will it ever be finished I hear you say) with the 'Work and Play in a Colliers Day' mural due for completion on 2nd May lending itself to an 'opening event' yet to be arranged but I was thinking late May/June.

Whatever people think about value for money, money well spent or the actual final design, for the £28000 'investment' and lots and lots of fabulous ongoing work done by our wonderful volunteers and the payback team; no one can deny we are now sat in a much, much, much improved facility.

On our opening day – I think we should encourage involvement from not just all our members from each section but also from our partners:- Parish Councilors, neighbours, National Coal Mine Museum (Pit Ponies), Richard/PayBack, Church ladies, Brownies etc..

Opening day aside, we have the facility and now we need to make it work, need to make it pay for itself, need to make it crack...

So how has our year been? Once more we've had our challenges, but we seem in a much better place than we have been in most areas:-

- Financially:- I know Bob worries about the money side, but all bills are covered (no I'm not mentioning VAT) & we are more viable than this time last year..
- Pavilion:- the 'forth bridge' is getting most of our jobs done, we've received more grants to help, the mural depicting our historical past is planned.
- Cricket:- we seem to be going down to one senior side in the Huddersfield League which is a blow but the Allstars/Junior sections seem much more positive.
- Bowls:- Although the first team suffered relegation from the Mirfield league once more, there certainly seems a much more upbeat mood around the green especially and a lot of work has been done with the help of the payback team which will show better results off and on the green in the near future.
- Junior Football:- Ossett Albion U15's & U13's girl teams have used both car parks (when clashing) on Saturdays & various Horbury Town Junior teams have used the pitch with my Emily working the café & making DG/us a little profit on most winter Sunday mornings.
- Various groups have also started to use the facility:- PACT meetings, Save our Sitlington & PC Meetings to date.

So what about going forward?

1. We still have the following building works to complete the project:-
 - Replacement Fascia/guttering
 - Cavity Wall Insulation
 - Baby Changing Facility (disabled WC)
 - Completion of the front storage area & retaining wall. (£800 w/c 7th April)
2. We need a business plan, we need to be self-sufficient giving priority to our sections whilst utilising our new space, new kitchen and terraces.
3. Last but certainly not least – in recent months there's been a real positivity around the club, from new and old, which is showing inside and out-on and around the playing surfaces and within the pavilion, it's been a pleasure to pop up when I can, I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling this....let's embrace this with everything we do...

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended
31 December 2024

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

2023	Income	2024	2023	2024
£		£	£	£
315	Subscriptions	300		
1600	Bowls Section	1700		
1600	Cricket Section	1700	26112	Surplus from Previous Year
249	Interest	197		
77	Fund Raising	807	465	Profit/(Loss) for the Year
2124	Donations	1860		(16209)
3000	Parish Council	3000		
51984	Grants	77116		
60949		86680	26577	10368
2023	Expenditure	2024		
925	Repairs/Renewals/Serviceing	1405		
1744	Rent, Insurance and Licences	1836	8995	Cash and Bank Balances
2001	Water, Gas and Electricity	1714	122	Current Account
3368	Ground Maintenance/Improvement	15634	17460	Cash in Hand
10650	Professional Fees	1225	-	Reserve Account
41796	Pavilion Extension	81075		
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Represented by:

Cash and Bank Balances

Current Account

Cash in Hand

Reserve Account

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V Birks Bank Manager 26/03/25

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This year since our last AGM has been dominated by our new pavilion development which started in October 2023 and is due to be completed (hopefully) by May this year.

To recap, during Covid we as a club were successful in receiving support of over £28,000 which the committee decided to reinvest via Cath Longley (Good Fundraising Co) and Architect 1b (Darren Bailey) to improve our facilities. Cath was successful in raising more monies than promised and work commenced in October (as per Biffa & Wren stipulations) by Concept Design and Build Builders of Wakefield, who were successful in the tender process.

Like all building projects we have come across many challenges and have often had to 'cut our cloth' accordingly but with the team on site – Ray Liversedge, Phil Johnson (a fantastic and very welcomed re-addition), Keith Johnson, Gareth & Bryn Pelzer & Bob Webb, we are moving towards the conclusion of majorly improving our facility.

This Summer I expect to be able to have an opening event of the new, shiny 'Denby Grange Community Hub' to add to the 'new' carpark and entrance from Highfield Crescent. We often wonder why we do certain things but in years to come I think I for one will know the answer.

The rest of the year has been 'business as usual' – the Bowls first team winning promotion back to the top Mirfield League once more, the Cricket club have moved 'back' to the Huddersfield League and continue with their successful partnership with Ossett CC (loaning younger players) and are both financially sound. Although we haven't a Denby Grange Junior Football team, our facilities have been used/enjoyed by Ossett Albion U12's Girls as well as several Horbury Town Junior boys teams.

The year ahead will see even more challenges as we move towards managing our facilities as well as welcoming new users/potential members to use our improved space. We need to ensure we're self-sufficient as soon as possible and have a support network in place to ensure we maximise sensible and sustainable usage. I would welcome any input and thoughts on how we can achieve this, I only know some of the questions, certainly not all the answers! For now let's get this thing done – Build it and they will come!!!

Thanks everyone



Andy Turner
Chairman

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Chairmans Report 2022

Dare we start to believe or hope that things are starting to get back to normal after the years we've recently had??

With the exception of our own Under 11's who sadly had to fold due to lack of numbers, the club seems to be in a decent state, both the Cricket and Bowls sections are looking forward to their seasons with decent numbers and our tenants – Arrows U14's sit on the top of Division 1 of the Huddersfield League.

Inevitably there's been changes within every section, changes in committee & playing personnel but the sun will shine once more and the seasons will start with all the trials and tribulations, ups and downs the spring and summer will bring..

The good news is that following on from our decision to ring fence the extra money we received during lock down from Covid related grants for at least a year, means we now have slightly less than £30,000 'on one side' to begin our plans to extend and improve our facilities. I'm very confident that the 'claw back' clause won't be exercised so we can now 'crack on' with our plans.

What are our plans? We're not quite there yet but getting there – I have the latest (unapproved) versions here, which I will happily share with you before a) making sure our landlords are happy with our plans & b) get some architectural drawings done before we start the cost/build process.

The end result (if successful) I believe will allow much more flexibility with this building, much more and varied use not just for sporting activities, but for village related activities – Brownies, Youth Clubs, Parish related meetings, Slimming Clubs, Exercise/Fitness Clubs – the list is endless whilst massively improving the experience for our core sections....

We will end up with a fantastic village facility we all can be proud of, used most days of the week with improved access and security...very exciting times ahead, but now more than ever – we'll need to pull together...

Andy Turner 23/3/2022

Chairman