

Symington Spark

Scotland · Charity number SC045078

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2014-08-26
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	c/o Mr Norrie Hunter 37 Deer Meadow Symington Ayrshire KA1 5SE
Website	www.symingtonspark.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of public participation in sport', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: Symington SPark was set up to upgrade the tennis courts in Shaw Park and enable a wider range of sports to be played in the village

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The SCIO's purposes are: 1.To assist in the provision of recreational facilities (and, where appropriate, the organisation of recreational activities) available to members of the public at large, with the object of improving their conditions of life. 2.To advance public participation in sport. in particular within Symington and its environs, primarily through the establishment and operation of a multiuse sports and leisure facility in Symington, Ayrshire.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** South Ayrshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£1,169	£1,535	-	0
2024-08-31	£1,483	£1,047	-	0
2023-08-31	£316	£2,095	-	0
2022-08-31	£1,099	£857	-	0
2021-08-31	£345	£1,344	-	0
2020-08-31	£90	£659	-	0

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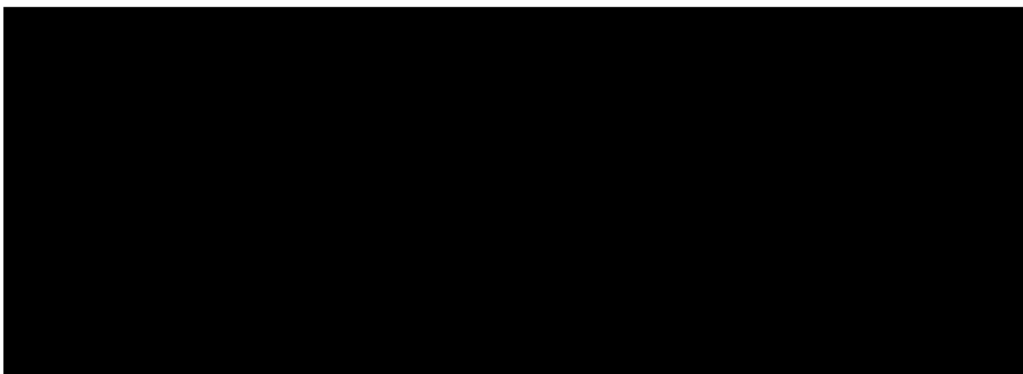
Accounts



Charity Name SYMINGTON SPARK

Trustees' Annual Report

Period: From 1st September 2023 to
31st August 2024





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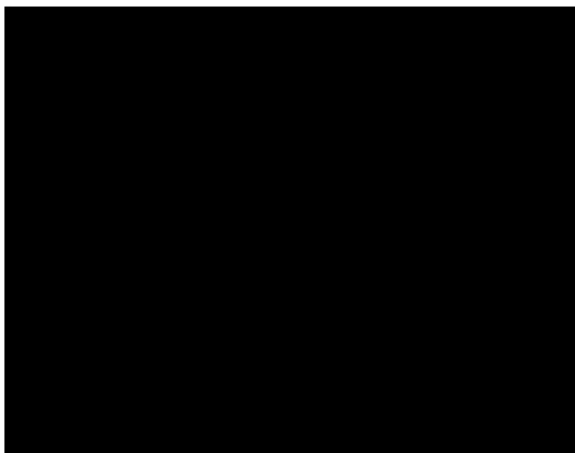
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Facebook profile name Symington SPark

Charity Trustees



Objectives and activities

Symington SPark was set up to upgrade the tennis courts in Shaw Park, Symington to enable a wider range of sports to be played in the village. The previous (tennis) courts were poorly maintained and unusable and becoming an eyesore. A group was set up to take on a ten year lease of the courts from South Ayrshire Council and to apply for funding. An application to the Big Lottery was successful and a landscape architect was employed to design and manage the project, resulting in the current facility being completed in 2017.

The Board oversees the maintenance of the courts (clearing rubbish, debris from adjacent trees, and checking equipment, lighting, and fencing), ensures that any necessary repairs are completed and attends to administrative duties including insurance.

Symington SPark seeks to encourage people of all ages to meet to engage in sports activities and to provide opportunities for people to improve their health and well-being.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Symington SPark is governed by the charity's constitution. There are currently nine Trustees on the Board.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Applications for trustees from any interested parties will be considered by the Board. The Board is keen to receive applications from any members aged over sixteen years. All trustees are required to have Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme membership.

Achievements and performance

The multi-use sports facility has been maintained in good condition, and has remained open for anyone for most of the year. This has provided the opportunity for people from Symington and the surrounding area to play netball, street hockey, tennis, basketball, football, and short tennis during daylight hours and, when weather permits, up until 9.30pm with the aid of floodlighting.

The tennis court has again been hired for private tennis matches by Kilmaurs Tennis Club.

The tennis court and multiuse games area have been popular with players also travelling from areas outwith the village (including Dundonald, Troon, Kilmarnock, and Auchinleck), which has increased the overall usage. The facilities have been complimented by users.

The South Ayrshire Council Active Schools team utilised the MUGA for sports activities with Symington Primary School pupils in the Spring and Summer terms.

Local Netball teams have taken the opportunity to hire the MUGA for private training sessions and the trustees are keen to develop this relationship with other groups wishing to utilise the facilities for private hire usage.

Community Spring Open Day

SPark organised a community Spring Open day which was organised by volunteers and trustees of Spark. A wide range of community organisations/groups were able to make use of the facilities on the day. These activities included a netball exhibition match, walking football, Street Hockey and some community engagement events with Scottish Fire & Rescue & Police Scotland attending. The event was well received by the local community with over 200 persons in attendance

Spark was very grateful for the support from Ayr Bruins for supporting street hockey taster sessions, Ayr United Football Club for the walking football, & police Scotland for bringing their continued support and community engagement.

Sulphate & Brandon Hire	£269.83
Food & Drinks (Open Day)	£68.50
Gas & Balls (Open Day)	£51.00
Sausage (Open Day)	£21.60

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **£1,047.04**

CLOSING BALANCE (31/08/2024) £6,248.15

Future plans

We hope that the range of activities and number of people using the facilities will continue to increase and this will be encouraged by the Board.

Spark are also very grateful to the local CoOp for providing a very generous donation which helped to meet the costs of running a free BBQ during the day of the event.

A great atmosphere and competitive spirit was drummed up with local sports teams participating in a fast paced Netball exhibition.

Volunteers within Spark have been actively carrying out some grounds maintenance activities keeping the facility in a very presentable and engaging environment conducive to sports in the local community.

The full impact of the pavilion fire resulted in the total loss of all of the SParks retained equipment and spares however the full costs associated with this have been recouped via insurance. Donations of replacement nets, racquets and balls have been received and are kept in storage awaiting a permanent storage location.

SPark continues to look for funding and grant initiatives where appropriate and are presently pursuing options for additional signage and noticeboards.

Financial review

A summary of the income and expenditure is shown below.

INCOME	
Opening balance 01/09/2023	£5,811.95
Open Day Donations	£147.70
Insurance Claim	£1,254.65
Bank interest	£80.89
TOTAL INCOME	£ 1,483.24
EXPENDITURE	
Insurance	£606.11
Bowling Club let	£30.00

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2023		31	08	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	148				148	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts		1,254			1,255	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	81				81	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	229	1,254	-	-	1,483	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	229	1,254	-	-	1,483	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	141				141	
Gross trading payments						
Investment management costs						
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	906				906	
Grants and donations						
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination						
Preparation of annual accounts						
Legal costs						
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	1,047	-	-	-	1,047	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,047	-	-	-	1,047	-
Net receipts / (payments)	(818)	1,254	-	-	436	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(818)	1,254	-	-	436	-

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	5,812				5,812	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(818)	1,254			436	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	4,994	1,254	-	-	6,248	-
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
Total			-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Total			-	-	-

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
Total			-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

APPENDIX 3

Scottish Charity Regulations

Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2

Report to the trustees/members of Charity name
SYMINGTON SPARK SCIO

Registered charity number
SC 045078

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date			to	Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	09	2023		31	08	2024

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. ~~to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper~~

Signed:
Name:
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):
Address:



*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.