

Wigtown Bowling Club

Scotland · Charity number SC052591

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2023-06-05
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Wigtown Bowling Club The Square Wigtown Newton Stewart Wigtownshire DG8 9EH
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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of public participation in sport'

What the charity does: The Wigtown Bowling Club provides bowling for members and any member of the public who wants to play bowls. We also provide 3 open tournaments per year for members of the public who wish to paly in the event. We provide a meeting area for other groups who wish to use the Clubhouse and raise funds by holding a soup kitchen during the book festival. We also have a race afternoon and a bingo evening.

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

Objectives: Objectives 4 The Club will operate as a non-profit distributing Charity whose principal objectives are: - 4.1 the advancement of public participation in Bowls as a sport. 4.2 to provide bowls related recreational facilities and/or organise recreational activities, available to members with the object of improving their conditions of life. 4.3 to promote, establish, operate and/or support other schemes and projects with wholly charitable purposes for the benefit of the Community. 4.4 provide coaching and instruction as necessary. 4.5 to foster relationships with other outdoor bowling Clubs. 4.6 any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes. 5 In furtherance of these objectives the Club shall affiliate to appropriate organisations, (clause 7.9) and organise games and competitions on behalf of the members.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Dumfries And Galloway
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£0	£0	-	0
2024-12-31	£9,324	£8,419	-	0
2023-12-31	£12,014	£10,284	-	0

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Accounts

WIGTOWN BOWLING CLUB

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2024

2023 £		2024 £
	<u>Receipts</u>	
1,473	Memberships Fees etc	1,648
-	Sponsorship	1,130
2,134	Donations	790
6,027	Sales	357
133	Rental	234
2,097	Tournament Profit	3,942
-	Quiz Night	215
-	Bingo Night	1,008
150	Scottish Power	-
<u>12,014</u>	Total Receipts	<u>9,324</u>
	<u>Payments</u>	
4,913	Purchases	433
248	Insurance	248
110	Licence fees etc	105
30	Repairs & Maintenance etc	465
3,600	Wages & Groundcare	3,670
60	Auditor	60
421	Electricity	948
20	Donations	130
50	Sponsorship	1,130
785	Competition & Registration Fees Etc	520
-	Miscellaneous	115
-	Bingo Night Expenses	357
-	Trophy & Engraving	187
-	Stationery etc	51
48	DGRI	-
<u>10,285</u>	Total payments for charitable activities	<u>8,419</u>
<u>1,729</u>	Surplus for the year	<u>905</u>

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Statement of Balances as at 31st December 2024

2023 £		2024 £
	<u>Bank and Cash in Hand</u>	
26,617	Current Account	27,526
99	Cash in Hand	95
<u>26,716</u>		<u>27,621</u>
<u>=====</u>	Closing Balance	<u>=====</u>
	<u>Reserves</u>	
24,267	Opening Balance	26,716
1,729	Surplus for the year	905
720	Expenses overstated	-
<u>26,716</u>		<u>27,621</u>
<u>=====</u>	Closing Balance	<u>=====</u>

Approved by the trustees on 23rd January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



CARSETHORN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 as set out on pages 1 to 2 of this document.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the 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) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 Report

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 committee members 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.

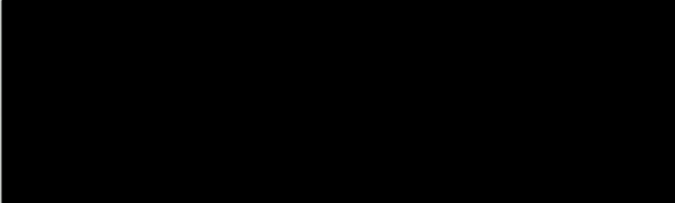
Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 accounts Regulations; and
 - (b) 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 understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Chartered Accountants
123 Irish Street
Dumfries
DG1 2PE

23rd January 2025

Wigtown Bowling Club (Charity No. SC052591)

Registered Charity (SCIO): Founded 5 June 2023

Address:

Wigtown Bowling Club

The Square

Wigtown

Newton Stewart

Wigtownshire

DG8 9EH

Status: Active, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Main Operating Location: Dumfries & Galloway (specific local point/ community)

Aims & Constitution

As set out in our SCIO constitution, the principal objectives of Wigtown Bowling Club are to operate as a non-profit distributing charity and to achieve the following:

- **Advance public participation in bowls as a sport.**
- **Provide bowls-related recreational facilities and/or organise recreational activities**
to improve members' quality of life.
- **Promote, establish, operate and support other schemes,** and projects of charitable benefit to the community.
- **Provide coaching and instruction** as needed.
- **Foster relationships with other outdoor bowling clubs.**

- Undertake any other reasonable purpose analogous to the above aims.

These aims collectively underpin our work to enrich local life through sport and inclusion.

A Brief History of Wigtown Bowling Club

Wigtown Bowling Club was established in **1830**, making it one of the oldest bowling clubs in Scotland. It was originally laid out in the square's "plantation" area, which had been enclosed in 1809 as a public garden space. By the turn of the twentieth century, this area was largely dedicated to bowls and tennis, embedding our club deeply in the town's heritage.

Trustees' Report 2024

Overview & Context

Wigtown is a rural community marked by limited leisure and employment opportunities. Wigtown Bowling Club stands as the largest local sporting institution, providing inclusive engagement for all ages—from juniors to seniors—and abilities, including disabled members attending with carers. Through our varied programming, we combat social isolation, foster physical activity, and enhance community well-being in an area where such services are scarce.

2024 Key Activities & Fundraising

- **Three Annual Open Tournaments (June, July, August):**

Attracting up to 36 pairs per event, these tournaments generate income through £10 pairing fees, refreshments, and raffles. They bring excitement, lively competition, and regional participation, reinforcing the club's prominence.

- **Soup Kitchens During Season & Wigtown Book Festival:**

Held during regular play and particularly during the internationally renowned Wigtown Book Festival, these sessions serve homemade soup, sandwiches, and cakes—drawing queues of enthusiastic visitors and raising considerable funds.

- **Annual Prize Bingo Night:**

A sell-out highlight, with prizes donated by members and local businesses. It blends fun, social connection, and effective fundraising, strengthening our ties with the local community.

- **Clubhouse Hire for Community & Private Use:**

Available for modest donations during peak demand times like Christmas and the Book Festival, our clubhouse hosts local groups and private events, integrating the Club into community life and supporting upkeep costs.

- **Weekly Social Bowling & Sweeps (Tuesdays & Fridays):**

Informal, friendly sessions that encourage skills development and regular social interaction. Entry fees create modest prize pools, fostering a fun, inclusive environment.

- **Junior & Inclusive Participation:**

Ongoing efforts to encourage juniors, under-25s, and bowlers of all ages and abilities—including those with disabilities—ensure that the Club remains welcoming and future-focused.

- **Asset Transfer Negotiations:**

We are actively negotiating to transfer ownership of the premises from Dumfries & Galloway Council. A successful transfer will enhance long-term stability and facility improvement.

- **Local Sponsorship & Support:**

Supported by a network of local businesses and individual donors, we offer prize money for tournaments and maintain our programs—demonstrating community investment in our success.

Impact Summary

Through our inclusive programming, tournaments, social events, and partnerships, Wigtown Bowling Club serves as more than a sporting venue—it is a vital social and recreational anchor. In addressing loneliness, supporting wellbeing, and fostering intergenerational engagement, we contribute significantly to the quality of life in rural Wigtown.

History & Aims Summary

Aspect	Details
Founded	1830, one of Scotland's oldest bowling clubs
Early Setting	Planted square public space from 1809 repurposed into club grounds
Aims/Objectives	Advancement of participation, recreation, coaching, community schemes, inter-club relations

Trustees' Declaration

We believe this report offers a **true, fair, and comprehensive overview** of the Club's activities and achievements for the year ended 2024. It aligns with OSCR's reporting expectations and upholds our charitable purposes.

Trustee Signatures

Chair of Trustees: _____ **Date:** _____

Trustee (Treasurer): _____ **Date:** _____

 **Date:** 28/8/25 VICE PRESIDENT.

Trustee: _____ **Date:** _____