

**WIGTOWN BOWLING CLUB**

**SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC052591**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

2023 £		2024 £
	<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	
1,473	Membershio 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>	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>9,324</u>
	<b><u>Payments</u></b>	
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>	<b>Total payments for charitable activities</b>	<u>8,419</u>
<u>1,729</u>	<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<u>905</u>

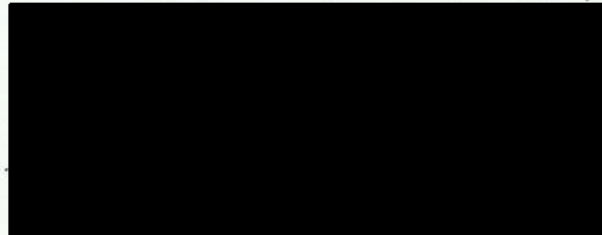
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**Statement of Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

2023 £		2024 £
	<b><u>Bank and Cash in Hand</u></b>	
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>
	<b><u>Reserves</u></b>	
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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

23<sup>rd</sup> 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)

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **History & Aims Summary**

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

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### **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.

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**Trustee Signatures**

**Chair of Trustees:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trustee (Treasurer):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Trustee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_