

Strouden Park Community Association

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the year

1st April 2023 to 31 March 2024

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Charity Name	Strouden Park Community Association
Other names the charity is known by	SPCA
Registered Charity Number	1003737
Principal Address	31 Vanguard Road, Bournemouth, BH8 9NU
Structure	Unincorporated Association
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Bankers	Lloyds Bank 321-323 Wimborne Road Winton Bournemouth BH9 1AF
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Lastly, I want to thank all the Trustees for their support over the last few years. I know it will be in good hands for years to come. Do please support the centre, it is there for the Community and long may it last and grow.

Brenda Moore
Chairman



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year 22-23 to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Lettings	29,663	-	-	29,663	26,466
Other Activities generating income	7,013	-	-	7,013	4,027
Interest received	420	-	-	420	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,097	-	-	37,097	30,493
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,097	-	-	37,097	30,493
A3 Payments					
Legal and Professional	450	-	-	450	-
Admin	13,448	-	-	13,448	28,597
Insurance	588	-	-	588	600
Licence & Subscription	418	-	-	418	-
Printing, Postage & Stationery	291	-	-	291	-
Rent & Rates	156	-	-	156	-
Repairs & Maintenance	8,367	-	-	8,367	-
Sundry	283	-	-	283	-
Telephone & internet	515	-	-	515	-
Utilities	5,202	-	-	5,202	-
Cleaning	4,523	-	-	4,523	-
Lunch Club Expenses	3,100	-	-	3,100	-
Sub total	37,341	-	-	37,341	29,197
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixed Asset Investment	545	-	-	545	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	545	-	-	545	-
Total payments	37,886	-	-	37,886	29,197
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 789	-	-	- 789	1,296
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,192	-	-	66,192	-
Cash funds this year end	65,403	-	-	65,403	1,296

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	4,902	-	-
	Current Account	30,021	-	-
	Equals Card	27		
	Petty Cash	33		
	Lloyds Investments	30,420	-	-
	Total cash funds		65,403	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land and Buildings	81,555	-	-
	Fixtures and Fittings	7,518	14,284	7,518
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	S. Craft	02/12/24

Independent Examiner's Report to Strouden Park Community Association (1003737) Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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").

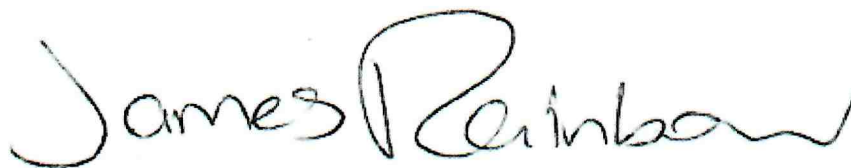
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's 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.

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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Dated 24th November 2024

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year 22-23 to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Lettings	29,663	-	-	29,663	26,466
Other Activities generating income	7,013	-	-	7,013	4,027
Interest received	420	-	-	420	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,097	-	-	37,097	30,493
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,097	-	-	37,097	30,493
A3 Payments					
Legal and Professional	450	-	-	450	-
Admin	13,448	-	-	13,448	28,597
Insurance	588	-	-	588	600
Licence & Subscription	418	-	-	418	-
Printing, Postage & Stationery	291	-	-	291	-
Rent & Rates	156	-	-	156	-
Repairs & Maintenance	8,367	-	-	8,367	-
Sundry	283	-	-	283	-
Telephone & internet	515	-	-	515	-
Utilities	5,202	-	-	5,202	-
Cleaning	4,523	-	-	4,523	-
Lunch Club Expenses	3,100	-	-	3,100	-
Sub total	37,341	-	-	37,341	29,197
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixed Asset Investment	545	-	-	545	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	545	-	-	545	-
Total payments	37,886	-	-	37,886	29,197
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 789	-	-	- 789	1,296
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,192	-	-	66,192	-
Cash funds this year end	65,403	-	-	65,403	1,296

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	4,902	-	-
	Current Account	30,021	-	-
	Equals Card	27		
	Petty Cash	33		
	Lloyds Investments	30,420	-	-
	Total cash funds		65,403	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land and Buildings	81,555	-	-
	Fixtures and Fittings	7,518	14,284	7,518
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	S. Craft	02/12/24

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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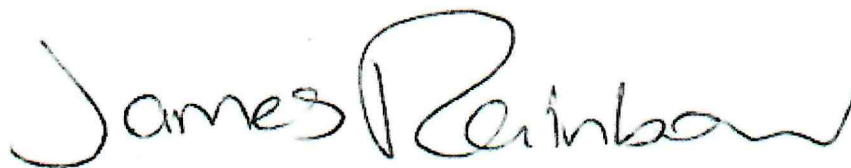
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's 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:

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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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Dated 24th November 2024

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