

East London Community Sports Association (ELCSA)

Chairpersons Statement

March 2024

The years 2023 / 2024 mark 43 years of successfully organising and delivering rugby and many other sporting activities using facilities at the Memorial Park E15.

ELCSA, working in partnership with the London Borough of Newham (LBN), continues to be fully engaged and committed to the provision and management of facilities for amateur organised sport and recreation at the Park, covering a wide variety of clubs and associations, and involving local people.

After the hiatus and disruption of the Covid pandemic during 2020 and 2021 bookings for the grass pitches and the 3G all weather facility are now returning to pre-pandemic levels of activity.

Cost of living concerns have had some impact on regular bookings, and ELCSA has been flexible and accommodating where bookings have had to be changed or cancelled, often at short notice.

Sports users cover 55 different sports clubs and societies, with a wide diversity of age, ethnicity, and gender, regularly using the facilities in the Park and at the Clubhouse building.

These users include 8 x rugby, 15 x youth football, 16 x adult football, 3 x American football, 2 x Frisbee, Gaelic football, Camogie, and cricket.

In addition to the Park, the facilities at the Clubhouse building provide accommodation for changing, catering, and hall hire for meetings and functions.

Access is excellent to both the Park and the Clubhouse being located very close to the major train interchange at West Ham Station, and the site has good parking provision.

The building also has a Strength Ambassadors gym.

The Charity had three primary objectives in the last year:

1) To build up and support sporting activity in the Park after the disruption to organised sport during the Covid pandemic. This has been demonstrably achieved.

2) To build new permanent storage and physiotherapy accommodation, and an admin office, to replace the temporary buildings that had been in place for the previous 5 years. Construction of the new building was delayed by 2 years because of the Covid pandemic, and the significant increase in building costs since then has proved very challenging in terms of the available budget.

Despite the delays and the cost increases, the new building is now complete and due to open for use in April.

The accommodation will provide much needed space to support the 3 rugby clubs based in the Clubhouse building, and also other users of the sports pitches.

3) To recruit new Trustees representing sports users based in the Clubhouse and Park and the local community.

5 new Trustees have been appointed in February that meet this objective.

We will continue to encourage new Trustees and volunteers with an interest in sport and in the Park to get involved in the work of the Charity.

In addition to these ELCSA objectives, in 2023 the LBN carried out a major refurbishment of the 3G sports facility with a new playing surface and improved perimeter fencing. The works will ensure that the facility can continue to meet the enormous demand for its use, by a wide range of sports, for many more years.

Initiatives for the future will focus on improving the sports facilities in the Park to meet demand, and looking to improve energy use efficiency by investing in low energy LED floodlight fittings for the grass and 3G pitches.

Ciara Baxter stood down as Chair of ELCSA in December 2023.

Ciara did an outstanding job in leading the Charity for 5 years, and received the thanks of all the Trustees for her work in guiding the Charity through the difficult Covid pandemic years and to a position where the Charity can now look forward with confidence. All Trustees wish her well for the future.

Looking forward into 2024 and 2025, the Charities objectives are to continue to work with the local community and sports clubs to encourage participation in sport and recreation in the Park.

A particular opportunity will be to engage with the people who will soon be occupying the 4000 new homes currently being built adjacent to West Ham Station.

An important priority will be to further develop our partnership with the London Borough of Newham under the umbrella of a continuation of the current Service Level Agreement (SLA) contract.

To conclude: I would like to thank my fellow Trustees for their continued voluntary commitment and enthusiasm to the work of ELCSA, for the support given by local residents to the work we do to ensure the sport facilities in the Park are fully utilised, and for our working partnerships with all sports club users to ensure the Memorial Park continues to be a thriving local sports and recreation hub.

John Haley

Chair: East London Community Sports Association.

March 2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: East London Community Sports Association

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2023 Charity no (if any): 1011654

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 03 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Paul Jcharles

Date:

12/03/2024

Name:

Paul J charles

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

EAST LONDON COMMUNITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

1011654

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2022

To

Period end date
31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Club House Hire	7,815	-	-	7,815	10,405
Club House -office	- 0	-	-	-	3,000
Club House -Francise	- 0	-	-	-	5,523
Other Revenue	2,275	-	-	2,275	14,324
Donations -Subsidiaries	21,300	-	-	21,300	40,789
Other Donations	8,640	-	-	8,640	20,910
East London club	7,200	-	-	7,200	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	47,230	-	-	47,230	94,951
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	47,230	- 0	- 0	47,230	94,951
A3 Payments					
Club house steward	- 0	-	-	-	20,955
Club house Admin	- 0	-	-	-	3,575
Youth office	- 0	-	-	-	340
Accountancy	- 0	-	-	-	800
Bank Fees	60	-	-	60	20
Cleaning	- 0	-	-	-	3,008
Interest Paid	- 0	-	-	-	6,062
Legal & professional	13,461	-	-	13,461	2,970
General -see below	43,231	-	-	43,231	16,427
Sub total	56,752	-	-	56,752	21,303

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
<i>Sub total</i>	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<i>Total payments</i>	56,752	- 0	- 0	56,752	21,303
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 9,522	-	-	9,522	73,648
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 0	-	-	-	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	- 9,522	-	-	9,522	73,648
Break down of General					
Governance costs	29470				
Light and heat	6004				
Insurance	6233				
Direct charity activity costs	-3619				
Maintenance	5143				
	43231				

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	Deposit account	184,222	-	-
	Current account	7,252	-	-
		-	-	-
	<i>Total cash funds</i>	191,474	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement	Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors and prepayment	8,178	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

