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Company registration number: 00677457

Gravesend Cricket Lawn Tennis and BowlingClub (1960) Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Gravesend Cricket Lawn Tennis and BowlingClub (1960) Limited

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Charity Reference and Administrative Details

Charity registration number	1161170
Company registration number	0677457
Trustees	Mr T J Hance Mr L S Pahal Ms A R Purdy Mr J D Best Mr A I Dodd Mr M C Sacre – Appointed 19/06/2025
Chairman	Mr L S Pahal
Registered office	The Bat and Ball Cricket Ground Wrotham Road Gravesend Kent DA11 0QP The charity is incorporated in England.
Independent Examiner	King & Taylor 123 Cross Lane East Gravesend Kent DA12 5HA

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Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Trustees of the charity
The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr J D Best
Mr A I Dodd
Mr T J Hance
Mr L S Pahal
Ms A R Purdy
Mr I Quinton (resigned 11 August 2025)
Mr M C Sacre (appointed 19 June 2025)

Objectives and activities
The objects of the charity are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the residents of Gravesend and surrounding areas by the provision of facilities for the playing of cricket and bowling.

Public benefit statement
The trustees have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives in planning future activities, the trustees regularly consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Use of volunteers
There were 20 volunteers used by the Charity during the year. The trustees and executive committee receive no payment and choose not to take expenses.

Strategic Report

Achievements and performance
The club has a 999 year lease (expiring 31st December 2960) on the land on which a yearly peppercorn rent of £1 is paid. The charity is made up of two sections, Cricket and Bowls. Each section pays £8,000 a year to cover the running costs of the charity.

The cricket section has six men's teams that play on a Saturday, five of which play in the Kent Cricket League, two on a Sunday along with a midweek side. In addition to this, the club has a Women's Team who play competitive cricket in the Kent Cricket Women's Development League and healthy colts section. We offer cricket for all age groups from U11 (9 years and above) onwards. In addition, the club runs ECB Allstars and Dynamos Programmes with 84 children participating in this financial year and Disability Cricket programmes. The club is an ECB Disability Cricket Champion Club.

To accommodate the number of matches played and sheer number of teams, the club rely on the use of three cricket grounds: The Bat & Ball, Nurstead and Detling Cricket Grounds.

The Bowls section numbers approximately 80 playing members and holds county level matches at The Bat & Ball Ground. The playing numbers have been maintained.

Wrotham Road and Bronte Schools also use the ground throughout the year as their playing/sports field. In addition, the cricket ground has become 'home' to Kent Cricket Over 60's matches, in addition to hosting both Kent Cricket Women's and Academy Pathway along with Kent Police matches.

Financial review (including reserves policy)
The results of the year and the Charity's financial position at the end of the financial year are shown in the attached financial statements.
We are still paying for the loans provided by sections and individuals for the Water Borehole Project which is now fully operational and has enabled the club to be self-sufficient in terms of water extraction and use for both irrigation of the fine turf surfaces but also for the supply of drinking water throughout the playing season, and

when demand is high. The Water borehole is switched off during the closed season and we revert to mains water. Nevertheless, the cost/benefit saving is significant owing to the main use throughout the spring/summer months. With spiralling water costs and with the possibility of water shortages through the playing season, the borehole will be a sustainable environmental benefit with the club already reaping the benefits since its installation.

The charity is wanting to maintain enough reserves to cover a year of its running costs. The Trustees are continuing to monitor costs and cash reserves they hold. The annual levy for both sections remained at £8,000 this year to cover the financial commitments of interest free loans to be repaid over the next 2 years to ensure that the charity can cover its running costs, particularly in view of other operating cost increases e.g. insurance, utility costs etc. This is likely to be maintained at this level for the next financial year, as the club try to rebuild and maintain cash reserves for similar capital investment/improvement projects.

Plans for future periods
To improve the playing surfaces, buildings and training facilities and attract more members to both sections.
To extend the use of the water produced by the new water borehole to irrigate all fine turf areas which should see a further improvement in the playing surfaces, particularly in high summer/drought conditions.

Structure, governance and management
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new committee members
The charity may by ordinary resolution appoint any person who is a Member and is willing to act as a trustee. No person may be appointed a trustee at any general meeting unless
1) he or she is recommended for election by the trustees, or
2) Not less than fourteen not more than thirty-five clear days before the date of the meeting, the charity is given a notice that;
    a) is signed by a member entitled to vote at the meeting
    b) states the member's intention to propose the appointment of a person as a trustee
    c) contains the details that, if the person were to be appointed, the charity would have to file at Companies House
    d) is signed by the person who is to be proposed to show his or her willingness to be appointed

The trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a trustee.

Disqualification and removal of trustees
A trustee shall cease to hold office if he or she
1) Ceases to be a trustee by virtue of any provision in the Companies Acts or is prohibited by law from being a trustee
2) Is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of sections 178 and 179 of the Charities Act 2011.
3) Ceases to be a member of the charity
4) Becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs
5) Resigns as a trustee by notice to the charity
6) Is absent without the permission of the trustees from all meetings held within a period of six consecutive months and the trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity and signed on its behalf by:

On behalf of the board

Mr T J Hance, Trustee
Date 11 September 2026

Gravesend Cricket Lawn Tennis and BowlingClub (1960) Limited

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Gravesend Cricket Lawn Tennis Bowling Club (1960) Limited

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Signed:

J T Durell
FCA
12 Limited trading as King & Taylor
Chartered Accountants
123 Cross Lane East
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 5HA

Date 11 September 2026

Gravesend Cricket Lawn Tennis and BowlingClub (1960) Limited

Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Income and endowments from:				
Grants	3	12,012	12,012	12,300
Charitable activities	4	141,198	141,198	132,941
Investments – bank interest received		663	663	351
Total income and endowments		153,873	153,873	145,592
Expenditure on:				
Rent		1	1	1
Purchases		17,250	17,250	15,236
Utilities		10,000	10,000	11,116
Insurance		5,443	5,443	5,580
Repairs and maintenance		10,831	10,831	11,684
Bar expenditure		18,970	18,970	11,313
Licences		-	-	-
Accountancy fees		1,258	1,258	1,216
Subscriptions		7,059	7,059	4,296
Sundry		6,083	6,083	4,167
Bank charges		9	9	-
Depreciation		10,489	10,489	9,224
Casual wages		62,949	62,949	53,549
Printing, postage and stationery		-	-	96
Travel expenses		5,530	5,530	6,447
Telephone and internet		432	432	352
Donations		-	-	200
Total expenditure		156,304	156,304	134,477
Net income/(expenditure)		(2,431)	(2,431)	11,115
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	11	86,670	86,670	75,555
Total funds carried forward	11	84,239	84,239	86,670

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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Balance Sheet At 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	61,270	71,759
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,337	1,433
Cash at bank and in hand		35,890	37,694
		37,227	39,127
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(13,258)	(11,216)
Net current assets		23,969	27,911
Total assets less current liabilities		85,239	99,670
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(1,000)	(13,000)
Net assets		84,239	86,670
Charity Funds			
Unrestricted funds	11	84,239	86,670
Total charity funds	11	84,239	86,670

For the year ending 31 March 2026 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

Mr T J Hance, Trustee

Date 11 September 2026

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.
Company registration number: 1161170

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Gravesend Cricket Lawn Tennis and BowlingClub (1960) Limited is a company limited by guarantee registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 3 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the residents of Gravesend and surrounding areas by the provision of facilities for the playing of cricket, bowling and tennis.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

(e) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Leasehold land and buildings	10% straight line basis
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance basis

(f) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(g) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from grants

	2026 £	2025 £
EW Cricket Trust	6,527	500
Kent County Cricket Club	3,485	6,000
Kent Seniors	-	2,000
Lottery Grant	-	3,800
The Kent Recreational Cricket Welfare Trust	2,000	-
	12,012	12,300

Income from donations and legacies was £Nil (2025 - £Nil) of which £Nil (2025 - £Nil) was attributable to endowments, £Nil (2025 - £Nil) was attributable to restricted and £Nil (2025 - £Nil) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

4 Income from charitable activities

	2026 £	2025 £
Donations and sponsorship	26,901	27,513
Match fees and subscriptions	49,604	43,931
Bar and hall hire	35,976	28,092
Facility rental	26,099	22,106
Other income	2,618	8,078
Gift aid	-	3,221
	141,198	132,941

Income from charitable activities was £141,198 (2025 - £132,941) of which £Nil (2025 - £Nil) was attributable to restricted and £141,198 (2025 - £132,941) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

5 Net income for the year

Net income is stated after charging:

	2026 £	2025 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	10,489	9,224

6 Independent examiners remuneration

The independent examiner’s remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £1,258 (2025 - £1,216).

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation:			
At 1 April 2025	89,128	10,860	99,988
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026	89,128	10,860	99,988
Depreciation:			
At 1 April 2025	25,311	2,918	28,229
Charge for the year	8,318	2,171	10,489
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026	33,629	5,089	38,718
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2026	55,499	5,771	61,270
At 31 March 2025	63,817	7,942	71,759

8 Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Prepayments and accrued income	1,337	1,433

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Accruals	1,258	1,216
E&W Cricket Trust loan	5,000	5,000
Other Loan	4,000	3,000
Cricket Section Loan	3,000	2,000
	13,258	11,216

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
E&W Cricket Trust loan	1,000	6,000
Other Loan	-	3,000
Cricket Section Loan	-	4,000
	1,000	13,000

11 Fund reconciliation

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2025	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	86,670	153,873	(156,304)	84,239

Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	75,555	145,592	(134,477)	86,670