WOLVERLEY TENNIS (CIO)

Charity Registration Number 1198809

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR 2025

Wolverley Tennis CIO was established in 2022 to enable Wolverley Tennis Club, also known as Wolverley Lawn Tennis Club, to transition to a charitable organisation. The intention was that the assets and activities of the existing Tennis Club would ultimately transfer to the CIO.

As reported in the previous Annual Reports, this transition has not taken place and Wolverley Tennis Club continues to operate separately from the CIO.

During 2025

The issues concerning the occupation and use of the tennis site and the relationship with Wolverley Memorial Charitable Trust (WMCT) remained unresolved. Correspondence continued between the parties and their representatives concerning their respective positions.

WMCT's solicitors issued a revised Letter Before Claim in January, to which a response was made on behalf of Wolverley tennis – CIO in February, followed by further correspondence.

In July, WMCT emailed stating that it had arranged for a padlock to fitted on the court gates and was monitoring the entrance by CCTV and implied support of the Police for their actions.

In consequence the CIO wrote to West Mercia Police seeking clarification of the Police position and raising concerns about these matters.

West Mercia Police subsequently replied that WMCT's communication was not a police communication and that its contents were the responsibility of its sender; further that the dispute between WMCT and Wolverley Tennis CIO was a civil matter and that the Police would not become involved in the underlying dispute. They advised that the matter should be resolved between the parties through civil legal processes.

Legal correspondence with WMCT and its representatives continued during the year. The CIO has again suggested and offered mediation, in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines, but this was rebuffed by WMCT and therefore no mediation took place and the underlying issues remained unresolved at the year end.

Consequently, the proposed transition of Wolverley Tennis Club's activities and assets to Wolverley Tennis CIO had still not taken place by 31 December 2025.

Public Benefit and Future

The Trustees have continued to maintain the CIO with the objective of ultimately supporting and developing tennis and associated recreational opportunities for the benefit of Wolverley and the surrounding community.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and continue to welcome constructive dialogue aimed at resolving the outstanding issues and enabling the charity to pursue its objectives.

Report prepared September 2026

Accounts are attached below :

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Income and Expenditure for year ending 31 December 2025

Income		
Total Income		0.00
Expenditure		
Miscellaneous Expenses		0.00
Total Expenses		0.00
Surplus for the year		**0.00**

Wolverley Tennis (CIO) Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	452.59	
Amount owed	0.00	
Total assets		452.59
Current Liabilities		
Loan from Wolverley Tennis Club	387.00	
NET Assets		65.59
Balance brought forward		65.59