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# **Wedmore Playing Fields Management Committee**

**Registered Charity Number: 304665**

## **Reports and Accounts**

**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

# **WEDMORE PLAYING FIELDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **CHARITY DETAILS**

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### **CHARITY NAME**

The Sports Field

### **CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER**

304665

### **GOVERNING INSTRUMENT**

The charity is governed by a Scheme of Regulation under the Charities Act 2011.

### **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

Wedmore Playing Fields  
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### **CONTACT**

Ian Monson  
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### **BANKERS**

CAF BANK LIMITED  
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Kent  
ME19 4TA

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

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Maxwells Chartered Accountants  
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*The organisation is governed by a Board of Trustees.*

# **WEDMORE PLAYING FIELDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT 2024**

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### **OBJECTIVE**

To provide publicly accessible buildings, facilities and open spaces for the purpose of recreation for the inhabitants of the Parish of Wedmore and the wider catchment area of those sporting clubs resident on the site. Sharing a common effort to advance amateur sport, training, recreation, education, leisure-time occupation to support the fitness and well-being of the local community.

### **GOVERNANCE**

The charity was constituted under a trust deed on 26 October 1962 which controls its governance and management.

The public benefit of the charity is achieved by its objectives and aims.

The appointment and removal of trustees is decided by a vote at each AGM.

There is no restriction on the charities powers to invest and the investment strategy is decided by the trustees. Investments are made in low risk funds.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

The charity is dependent upon volunteers for its operations and these volunteers are dealt with in a fair and professional way.

### **TRUSTEES**

Ian Monson	Chairman
David Ash	Secretary
Richard Banwell	Treasurer
Raymond Newell	
Matthew Lloyd	
Catherine Hewish	
Michael Gill	
Trevor Savage	
Jack Williams	
Nicholas Beeson	
David Nicholls	
Philip Patch	

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems and insurances have been established to mitigate those risks and provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Complaints should be made in writing to the trustees at the principal address.

## **WEDMORE PLAYING FIELDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT 2024 (continued)**

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#### **SUMMARY OF MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The provision of recreational and leisure facilities for the community, through the maintenance and development of amenities at the Playing Fields. In 2012 the WPFMC embarked on an ambitious development programme to improve the playing fields and the facilities.

The original 8.02-acre site on Blackford Road had been a sports field since the 1938. An opportunity arose to purchase two agricultural fields adjoining the site on its western boundary. The purchase was completed in 2012.

Each member club was involved in the design of the ambitious development plan. Additional facilities and improvements provided to date include:

- 2 additional football pitches. - Completed Aug'14
- 2 mini football pitches. - Completed Aug'14
- An all-weather 2-bay cricket net. - Completed Aug'15
- An enlarged inclusive play area. - Completed Dec'13
- 5 new tennis courts - Completed May'15
- An all-weather multi use games area. - Completed Jul'15
- Retention of the YFC bonfire site. - Completed Mar'14
- Creation of a 'Village field' for village events. - Completed Mar'15
- Increased parking provision. - Completed Mar'14
- YFC tug-of-war training rig - Completed Jan'16
- A new sports pavilion with 4 changing rooms, officials' rooms, clubroom, kitchen, bar, ladies, gents and disabled toilets, first floor function room. The pavilion also includes a public WC to serve the site when the pavilion is not open.  
- Ground Floor completed May'19
- Surfacing of extended Car Park - Completed Aug'19
- Replaced existing multi use games area with new 3G small-sided football pitch/MUGA  
- Completed Mar'22
- First floor Club Room - Completed Mar'23
- Battery storage - Installed Dec'23

The village field was ploughed and reseeded in September 2022 and brought into use as an additional 5v5 small-sided football pitch for the season 2023-24. The much-improved field hosted the 2023 Wedmore Harvest Home and can provide a venue for future village events.

A new battery storage facility was installed in December 2023 allowing for the storage of electricity generated from the existing PV array. This further increases the environmental sustainability of the Playing Fields and reduces costs.

The new multi-use games area and first floor club room completed in recent years are proving to be excellent facilities for the affiliated clubs and local community as well as generating regular income.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT 2024 (continued)**

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An external fire escape was added to the club room in early 2024, doubling the capacity.

Rent charged to the affiliated clubs and organisations has again increased by less than inflation.

The trustees continue to progress the charitable activities of the charity, and income and expenditure during the year was considered satisfactory for this purpose.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:**

  
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Ian Monson, Chairman

Date 24/6/2024

## **WEDMORE PLAYING FIELDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statement for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period and adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:-

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations, and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under s145 of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

## WEDMORE PLAYING FIELDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Independent examiner's report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the Wedmore Playing Fields Management Committee (aka 'The Sports Field') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF THIS 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 the examination to be carried out in accordance with the general 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered part of an independent examination.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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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Date: 24.6.24

**WEDMORE PLAYING FIELDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE****Income and Expenditure Account – Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

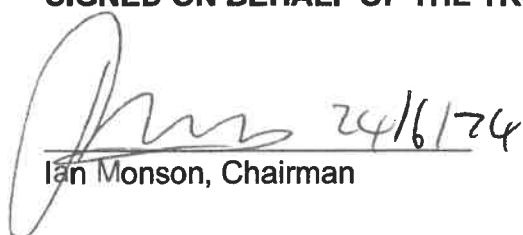
	<b>2023-24</b>		<b>Net</b>	<i>2022-23 (for reference)</i>
	Income	Expenditure		
Rent	19,125	0	<b>19,125</b>	14,059
Utilities	12,599	-12,723	<b>-124</b>	794
Advertising	4,100	-600	<b>3,500</b>	3,576
MUGA	6,634	-1,425	<b>5,209</b>	5,780
Club Room	2,258	-152	<b>2,106</b>	0
Clubhouse Maintenance	450	-2,320	<b>-1,870</b>	-3,305
Grounds Maintenance	140	-9,964	<b>-9,824</b>	-13,554
Grass Cutting	0	-4,530	<b>-4,530</b>	-3,821
Cleaning	0	-1,843	<b>-1,843</b>	-1,200
Insurance	0	-3,361	<b>-3,361</b>	-2,983
Car Park	1,500	0	<b>1,500</b>	1,500
First Floor Project	0	-9,860	<b>-9,860</b>	-67,942
Battery storage	16,450	-19,595	<b>-3,145</b>	-250
Ball Stop Nets	0	0	<b>0</b>	-21,228
Professional Fees	0	-1,768	<b>-1,768</b>	-5,839
Equipment	0	-967	<b>-967</b>	0
Donations	16,814	0	<b>16,814</b>	11,977
Other	342	-635	<b>-293</b>	118
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>80,412</b>	<b>-69,742</b>	<b>10,670</b>	<b>-82,318</b>
Tax			0	0
<b>RETAINED SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>			<b>10,670</b>	<b>-82,318</b>


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**Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

	As at 31/03/24	As at 31/03/23
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>		
Tangible	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash at bank CAF Cash	1,928	1,772
CAF Gold	18,965	7,393
Debtors VAT	1,354	1,153
Trade	165	0
Prepayments	0	2,000
	<b>22,412</b>	<b>12,318</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
VAT	83	0
Retentions and accruals	6,247	7,055
Deposits held	3,900	3,750
	<b>10,230</b>	<b>10,805</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>12,183</b>	<b>1,513</b>
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>		
Balance brought forward	1,513	83,831
Surplus of income over expenditure 2023/24	10,670	-82,318
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>12,183</b>	<b>1,513</b>
<b>NOTE</b>		
<b>Restricted funds:</b>		
Public toilet	361	0
MUGA - Pitch Replacement Fund	8,867	0
Total	<b>9,228</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>1,513</b>
<b>Total funds:</b>	<b>12,183</b>	<b>1,513</b>

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:**

  
 Ian Monson, Chairman

 24/6/24  
 Richard Banwell, Treasurer

## **WEDMORE PLAYING FIELDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the Charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)' applicable in the UK, and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis under the historical cost convention.

#### **Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the funds, and the funds have been received in the bank. This relates to donations, trading income, grants and fundraising.

All income is stated net of VAT.

#### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### **Fund accounting**

Un-restricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.