



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2023	To	Day 31	Month 03	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Fletcher Recreation Ground Charity

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 305221

Charity's principal address c/o Mrs Gabriella Paterson-Griggs

2 Woodlands Close

Uckfield, East Sussex

Postcode

TN22 1TS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (The Committee of Management)

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL			
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	National Westminster Bank Plc	1 Muster Green, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4AP
Solicitors	Dawson-Hart	The Old Grammar School, Church Street, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1BH.

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)

Governing Document dated 30th June 2020 comprising Charity Commission Scheme dated 29 July 1986, a Deed of Gift dated 22nd June 1897, a

Confirmatory Conveyance dated 16th February 1899 and a Conveyance dated 22nd March 1948

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Fletching Parish Council is the sole charity trustee. The day-to-day running of the trust is carried out by a Management Committee reporting to the FPC.

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

The Management Committee is elected each year.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Members of the Management Committee is made up of members of Fletching Parish Council and the village sports clubs. Other people may be co-opted to be members from time to time.

The Charity is a member of the Sussex County Playing Fields Association.

The Charity received valuable support, including financial, from Fletching Parish Council and Fletching Cricket Club

Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The provision and maintenance of a recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Fletching without distinction of political, religious, or other opinions, or gender with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)</p>	<p>The provision and maintenance of an open area for all to use, with cricket, football and stoolball pitches and facilities for other sporting events, a pavilion/clubhouse and enclosed equipped children's playground.</p> <p>In planning activities for the year the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit was kept in mind by the Management Committee.</p>

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grant making; • policy programme related investment; • contribution made by volunteers. 	<p>The Charity is indebted to all volunteers whether it be by providing assistance with maintenance of the recreation ground, staging fund raising events or providing their time and advice generally.</p>	
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Section D

Achievements and performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</p>	<p>The Management Committee is supported by representatives from a number of different clubs and organisations especially the Fletching Parish Council and the Fletching Cricket Club.</p> <p>There was a water leak in the Pavilion roof (December 2022) due to a frozen pipe which caused extensive damage to ceilings, floors and walls. Remedial works started in January 2023 via the insurance company and a firm of loss adjusters. These were not completed until the autumn of 2023 at which point it was then possible to consider the refurbishments required. A decision was made to take the opportunity to improve the main area of the pavilion which was made possible by a generous donation from Fletching Cricket Club and a grant from the Parish Council. These works are due to be completed in May 2024.</p> <p>During the remedial and refurbishment works clubs were able to use the pavilion but were warned of the ongoing work taking place. The use of the children's playground has not been affected during these works.</p> <p>The Fletching Football Club only used the pitch for a couple of games before having to withdraw from the league due to a lack of players.</p> <p>A timber activity installation was removed from the playground at the advice of the RoSPA inspector and repairs made to a gate.</p>
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Section E

Financial review

<p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</p>	<p>£6251 (2023 £6413) is held in the Unrestricted Reserve and retained as a reserve against future general expenditure.</p> <p>£2903 (2023 £3193) is held on Restricted Funds being retained for maintenance of the children's playground.</p>
<p>Details of any funds materially in deficit</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

Further financial review details (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted. 	<p>Funds were received by way of a grant from Fletching Parish Council, a substantial donation from Fletching Cricket Club and hire fees from the sports clubs for use of the pitches. Insurance monies were also received.</p> <p>Funds were used for the refurbishment of the pavilion and general maintenance of the recreation ground.</p> <p>During the year cash funds were held on interest bearing accounts with National Westminster Bank Plc.</p>
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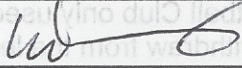
Section F Other optional information

<p>The land (and buildings thereon) comprising Fletching Recreation Ground is vested in Fletching Parish Council as Sole Trustee for all the estate therein belonging to or held in trust for the Charity. The land is registered with Land Registry.</p> <p>Important documentation relating to the Charity is held in safekeeping by Dawson Hart – Solicitors.</p> <p>A management committee has been set up to manage the FRGC on a day-to-day basis and reporting into the PC . The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, to guarantee the future finance of the FRGC, and secondly, to facilitate the development of the recreation ground and pavilion.</p>

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RICHARD KANWAY	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	21.5.24	

	Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves
Not applicable	Details of any funds materially in deficit

FLETCHING RECREATION GROUND CHARITY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31/03/24

Registered Charity Number 305221

FLETCHING RECREATION GROUND CHARITY
INCOME & EXPENDITURE 01/04/23 - 31/03/24

UNRESTRICTED FUND	RESTRICTED FUND	TOTAL	TOTAL
2024	2024	2024	2023

RECEIPTS

FEES:

CRICKET	3,564		3,564	2,100
FOOTBALL 2023/24	84		84	420
FOOTBALL 2022/23	420		420	240
STOOLBALL	0		0	398
OCCASIONAL USE - Non-sport bookings	20		20	970
INTEREST	306		306	45
DONATIONS	16,449		16,449	0
GRANT FROM PC	2,150		2,150	650
GRANT FROM UCKFIELD LIONS	0		0	500
INSURANCE CLAIM	27,861		27,861	0

TOTAL	50,854	0	50,854	5,323
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PAYMENTS

INSURANCE	940		940	561
WATER	918		918	510
ELECTRICITY	1,258		1,258	509
FIRE PROTECTION MAINTENANCE	88		88	104
REPAIRS & RENEWALS	1,561		1,561	632
DEFIBRILATOR	0	0	0	1,241
GROUND MAINTENANCE	1,369		1,369	2,670
EQUIPMENT - Scoreboard	5,979		5,979	0
PLAYGROUND REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	290	290	0
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEE	0		0	200
PAVILION REFURBISHMENTS	38,884		38,884	0
OTHER	18		18	0

TOTAL	51,016	290	51,306	6,427
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NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	-162	-290	-452	-1,104
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OPENING BALANCE	6,413	3,193	9,606	10,710
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CLOSING BALANCE	6,251	2,903	9,154	9,606
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FLETCHING RECREATION GROUND CHARITY
BALANCE SHEET AT 31/03/24

Charity no.: 305221

	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
ASSETS:		
LAND & BUILDINGS	51,737	51,737
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	3,610	3,610
BANK ACCOUNTS:		
CURRENT ACCOUNT (Unrestricted)	100	82
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (Unrestricted)	3,996	5,561
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (Restricted)	3,251	3,208
DEBTORS:		
INSURANCE CLAIM (PLUMBER)	0	172
VAT REFUND	0	364
FOOTBALL CLUB 2022/23	0	420
CRICKET CLUB DONATION	1,807	0
CREDITORS		
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEE	0	-200
TOTAL	64,501	64,954
CAPITAL	55,347	55,347
UNRESTRICTED FUND	6,251	6,413
RESTRICTED FUND	2,903	3,193
TOTAL	64,501	64,953

Notes to accounts

1. The Land & Buildings item excludes improvements and refurbishment of the pavilion currently taking place
2. The Playground & Equipment excludes removal of the activity trail within the playground.
3. The Restricted Fund represents funds held for maintenance and renewal of the children's playground
4. All bank accounts are held with NatWest bank
5. These accounts have been prepared on the Income & Expenditure basis
7. A grant was received from Fletching PC and donations from Fletching Cricket Club towards the refurbishment of the pavilion

The financial statements were approved by the Management Committee on 21st May 2024 and signed on its behalf by the Chairman:

Richard Hannay

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Fletching Recreation Ground Charity

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fletching Recreation Ground Charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
 - c. have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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