

Annual Report of the War Memorial Fields Trust 23-24

This report is compiled in line with the legal requirements as set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and in line with the statement of recommended practice (SORP).

1. The name of the Charity is the **War Memorial Fields**
2. Registration number **521473**
3. Registered address is **Mountsorrel Parish Council 2a Little Lane, Leicestershire LE12 7BH.**
4. **Mountsorrel Parish Council** is the one corporate trustee The members of the body corporate are the councillors of the Parish Council:
 - Cllr Kate Walker
 - Cllr Beth Benner
 - Cllr Nicle Carr
 - Cllr Chris O'Neill
 - Cllr Chris Berry
 - Cllr Liz Blackshaw
 - Cllr Sue Holyoake
 - Cllr Mick Lemmon
 - Cllr Paul Harris
 - Cllr Megan Pirt (Chair of Council)
 - Cllr Kelly Phillips
 - Cllr James Kendrick
 - Cllr Nilesh Mistry
5. **Governance** The Charity is managed by a committee appointed by Mountsorrel Parish Council annually which has delegated authority to transact the business of the charity. During the financial year the administration of the charity has been undertaken by Mountsorrel Parish Council staff carrying out the work agreed by the committee, and had delegated authority to make payments etc. The committee met on 3 occasions and transacted business to commission repairs and refurbishment of the sports pavilion, receive financial reports, approve expenditure and update on the work and activity of the charity. The Charity is an unincorporated association whose governing document was agreed on 27th Feb 2003.
 - The membership of the committee for the period in question is: Cllrs: Walker, Benner, Kendrick, Berry, Blackshaw, Holyoake, Mistry, Pirt.

6. **Reserves** The charity brought forward a balance of £34,663.73 shown at line 8 in the statement of accounts for 23-24. Some of the reserves have been used in this financial year. For new/replacement children's play equipment, essential maintenance etc. The current account balance transferred to reserves is £15,329.43. at 31.3.24.
7. **Custodian Trustee** no funds are held by the charity as a custodian.
8. **Public benefit statement** the charity acts in accordance with the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission. In particular the charity maintains the War Memorial Fields recreation ground as free open access space of the use of the public. Some areas are marked for use by cricket and football clubs. There is a children's play area maintained by the charity. The charity maintains and operates the sports pavilion and all facilities are provided at a nominal contribution of £350 pa. (increased in 23-24) This is in line with the Objects of the Charity which "*is, in the interests of social welfare, to improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions by the provision and maintenance of a recreation ground*". The land retained by the charity is used for the object of the charity. The charity supports the use of the fields and pavilion by a wide range of people and groups in the area.
9. **The achievements of the charity in the 23-24 financial year** were: to continue to provide access to the recreation ground and sports pavilion to hundreds of users. It facilitated the summer festival known as "Mountsorrel Revival", supported the football and cricket clubs to use the field, undertook necessary health and safety work on trees, ensured the grass was mown at regular intervals under a new contract, repaired doors and shutters and improved the overall health and safety aspects of the pavilion. Maintenance and repairs were undertaken at the children's play area. We are currently out to tender for further work on the fabric of the pavilion for 24/25. Emergency work was undertaken to make the outside of the building is safe.
10. **Financial Review** The statement of accounts is attached to this report and the charity is in a sound financial position with grant income from the Parish Council, fees from room hire. Approval was given for a grant for 23-24 to the Parish Council at the same level of

£32,000. The accounts have been independently reviewed and signed off. See attached.

11. **Future plans** Ongoing maintenance and refurbishment of the pavilion is planned, also improvements to the football pitches as budgets permit.

The Trustee, Mountsorrel Parish Council declares that it has approved the Annual report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustee

Cllr *Kate Walker*

Chair

Ross Willmott *Ross Willmott*

Parish Manager

11th November 2024.

Section 2 - Statement of accounts

War Memorial Fields Trust

	Annual return last year	Year ending 31 March 2025 £	Variance
1. Balances brought forward	34,663.73	15,329.43	
2. (+) Annual precept	0.00	0.00	0.00%
3. (+) Total other receipts	36,275.06	47,754.96	31.65%
4. (-) Staff costs	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5. (-) Loan interest / capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00%
6. (-) Total other payments	55,609.36	26,205.72	-52.88%
7. (=) Balances carried forward	15,329.43	36,878.67	
8. Total cash and investments	15,329.43	36,878.67	
9. Total fixed assets and long term assets	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Box 10 - total borrowings	0.00	0.00	

Signed _____

Chair

Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
MOUNTSORREL WAR MEMORIAL TRUST ^{FIDS}

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31.3.2024 Charity no (if any) 521473

Set out on pages

1 - 11 (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 DD / MM / YYYY.

**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:

Martin D Cooke

Date:

21/11/24

Name:

MARTIN D COOKE

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

LRACC APPOINTED AUDITOR

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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.

