

# **ST. PATRICK'S BOWLING CLUB**

## **ANNUAL REPORT & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**For the year ending 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**St. Patrick's Bowling Club – Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (Number: NIC103315)**

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The trustees of St. Patrick's Bowling Club, listed at the back of the report, have pleasure in submitting their report and accounts for the period 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## **CLUB OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the Club as set out in our Constitution is to advance amateur indoor bowling to people without distinction of age, gender, disability both physical and mental, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, class, marital status, political or religious opinion, ill health, financial hardship or other disadvantage, within the Banbridge and Craigavon areas, (hereafter called the "area of public benefit".)

The trustees of St. Patrick's Bowling Club confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) regarding the Public Benefit.

To achieve this the Club provides the opportunity for all people, as described above, to meet in a very pleasant and relaxed environment, which gives them the opportunity to mix with other people, and develop a skill i.e. indoor bowls.

The Club are always seeking ways in which they can offer top of the range equipment, in-house coaches and general assistance to all members to enable them to reach their goals.

The Club has a membership payment, which enables people from the above Council areas who are in financial hardship, the opportunity to pay the fees over a two-month period.

The section below specifying achievements in the past year clearly identifies the benefits that people have attained during the past year.

The Club will always treat their members with respect and ensure they have every opportunity to gain benefits such as skills and experience, which could lead them to assist other members through coaching.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEAR ENDING 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

- (1) This year with the Club has grown slowly, following Covid 19 many of our members decided not to return following Covid 19, this resulted in the Club having to leave the West Down Zone and League as we were required to have 16 members with the ability to bowl weekly in the League or be able to play Zone bowls.
- (2) As a Club that now plays "Friendly" matches only we now only play one night for two hours. There is a much more relaxed environment and bowling is enjoyed by all the members. This season we managed to arrange one home friendly match and that will be reciprocated at the beginning of next season.

# **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT**

## **GOVERNING DOCUMENT AND CONSTITUTION**

The Club is unincorporated and is governed by a constitution adopted 15<sup>th</sup> November 2005 and last amended 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

The Club is run entirely by its members, who pay an annual membership subscription. As of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 the Club had a membership of 13.

## **SELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT**

The Club is managed by a Committee, which consists of all the appointed trustees.

The Committee meets at least four times during the year. However, on occasions other issues may arise, which require additional meetings. Within the year ending 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023, four meetings were held. In attendance at these meetings was as follows:

### **Full attendance:**

Lillian Walker, Maureen Daly, Roy McCleary, Mervyn McKinley

Isobel Hamilton attended only one meeting and asked to be removed from the Committee. At a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 it was agreed by all members that Stephen Dawson be co-opted onto the committee in place of Isobel Hamilton.

The structure of the meetings are as follows:

- (a) The Chairperson provides an overview of progress to date, of the targets set at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Treasurer presents the latest accounts and these are discussed relative to the forecast specified at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Secretary provides an overview of the meetings held and reports regarding any Friendly matches.
- (d) The meeting is then open to all members to discuss any other relevant business issues within the Club.
- (e) The Chairperson summarises the issues raised at the meeting and then closes the meeting.

At the final meeting of the year the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be approved by the Trustees and presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

**Charity Name:** St. Patrick's Bowling Club

**Charity Number:** Registered Charity in Northern Ireland  
NIC103315

**Club Address:** 51 Main Street  
Donaghcloney  
Craigavon  
Co. Armagh  
BT66 7LR

### **Charity Trustees as at year ending 4<sup>TH</sup> April 2023**

Mrs. Elaine Lillian Elizabeth Walker	Chairperson/Secretary
Miss Maureen Catherine Daly	Treasurer/Match Secretary
Mr. Roy McCleary	
Mr Mervyn McKinley	
Mr Stephen Dawson	

### **Other Charity Trustees in the year to April 4<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Mrs Isobel Hamilton

### **Safeguarding Trust Members**

St. Patrick's Bowling Club is open to members of all ages and have vulnerable people within their current membership. At the Annual General Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 it was agreed that the Club would start a junior section, which includes boys and girls aged 8 to 18. The Club now has one man and one women, who have attended a Safeguarding Trust seminar and been checked by Access NI. Both members have been accepted and received Certificates acknowledging this. The Club declares that we are satisfied that we have made the necessary checks required to safeguard all our beneficiaries.

### **Banking**

The Club Account has now been changed to the Bank on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017.  
Danske Bank,  
39 Market Street  
Lurgan  
Craigavon  
BT66 6AB

## Insurance Broker

Alfred J. Gallagher  
Metropolitan Building  
29-31 Alfred Street  
Belfast  
BT2 8ED

The above Insurer is used by Donaghcloney Parish. The insurance covers St. Patrick's Church Hall, Donaghcloney Parish, which is used by St. Patrick's Bowling Club. The Club is very appreciative of the Parish, not only for offering the use of the Hall, but adding the Club into the overall Insurance Cover, whilst they are in the Hall.

Signed: *L Walker*

Club Chairperson: Lillian Walker

## **ASSET REGISTER**

**4 Wygreen 45 foot indoor Bowling Mats**  
**8 Wooden Fenders**  
**4 Jacks**  
**2 Full Sets of Small Bowls**  
**8 Regulation Rubber Foot Mats**  
**4 Centre Blocks**  
**4 Scoreboards**  
**2 Mat rollers**