REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10735297 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1173521

Group Report of the Trustees and Group Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 for Bath Recreation Limited

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Bath Recreation Limited

Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

TRUSTEES	Jason Dalley (Chair) Naomi Defroand (Vice Chair) Martin Harman CBE Keziah Trump Mark Powell (resigned 25 October 2024) Alistair Colston Angela Lewis (resigned 31 August 2023) Tim Withers (resigned 31 December 2023) Helen Donovan (appointed 20 September 2023)
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INVESTMENT MANAGER	Investec Wealth & Investment Limited 3 Temple Quay 3 Temple Back East Bristol BS1 6DZ

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charitable company has continued to deliver its objectives at the Recreation Ground and other sites; the provision, with or without charge, of property in or near Bath (including, but not limited to, the Bath Recreation Ground) for use as indoor (to assist in providing ancillary recreation facilities such as changing rooms, toilets and clubhouses and the like to support outdoor recreational space) and outdoor recreational facilities for the benefit of the public.

Our strategic focus is to build our influence by acting as a voice for the benefits of recreation and the preservation of key facilities, provide sustainable growth of our organisation and maintain robust financial stability in order to achieve the best impact possible in the recreation property landscape locally.

We have continued to provide recreation facilities for a wide range of organisations and activities; we have produced a separate impact report annually for the last 3 years which is distributed widely to demonstrate our work and impact to beneficiaries. Our foundational work with schools and young people continues to deliver great impact and we have moved to bringing staff to support this work into employed roles rather than rely on contracted suppliers. The aim is to deepen relationships with schools and organisations over the long term, the accounts will show this direct investment in staff costs which the trustees continue to feel is a positive step forward as we create permanent jobs for local people.

We have continued to grow our partnerships with direct support from St John's Foundation, the Medlock Charitable Trust and the George Cadbury Trust specifically to deliver the Glasshouse Academy programme and to target primary schools with high levels of need (such as the number of children entitled to free school meals, with special educational needs or English as a second language). The trustees see this type of collaboration to be a force multiplier as we harness greater skills and capabilities for the good of our shared beneficiaries. An initial 5-year agreement for funding from St Johns Foundation is in the final year and we are working with them to review the impact and look at future collaboration.

As part of our strategy to diversify our capabilities and revenue the wholly owned trading subsidiary, Bath Recreation Trading Limited, has completed a very successful first year of activity. Following an extended period of due diligence and professional advice the Trustees approved the acquisition of an existing, complimentary business. The transaction was for equipment, goodwill and existing client base and was subsumed seamlessly in February 2024. The aim was to accelerate the benefit to the Charity of the Trading Company and the first 6-months of trading have been above budget and expectations.

The activities undertaken across our estate during the year are considered by the Trustees to be of direct benefit to the public at large, and they confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have followed this in planning and undertaking the activities.

The charitable company does not actively solicit donations from the public and has no need to develop formal policies on its fundraising approach at this stage.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE
Charitable activities

Following on from the Covid recovery focus last year the Board again set a challenging budget to ensure all in-year revenue was utilised in direct activity. The expansion of the Trading Company has assisted beneficiaries as we have greater capacity and capability to support organisations with increasing costs in maintaining recreation property.

Our property and sites have now built activity back up to pre-covid levels with old activities returning, some that didn't are now replaced by new activities and bookings. The Recreation Ground played host to Bath Rotary Fireworks, Bath Carnival and a wide range of school festivals during the year. Glasshouse has continued to develop a wide range of beneficiaries with schools activity on the increase. A strong relationship has developed with the Local Authority Children Services team and the site is used for activities and staff training.

As the post covid impact is becoming more clear we have maintained the ability to support key community organisations with advice and financial support. We are focused on our charitable objects and vulnerable recreation property has been at the forefront of our activity. As such we are working closely with a local sports club, Odd Down AFC to protect and enhance their facilities for the good of the community. We expect there to be an increase in owner operated community sites with low liquidity coming under pressure and remain mindful to hold sufficient reserves to assist where appropriate and within our means.

The new management and trustee working group structure introduced last year is now operating coherently supporting our growth and strong decision making between the executive and Board of Trustees. Whilst the Property Working Group maintain focus on the stadium and Odd Down site opportunities the Education Working Group is shifting their focus to add strategic partnerships and future strategy to the oversight of the Glasshouse and Buds programmes.

The Charity subsidiary company has delivered a positive financial contribution and is ahead of budget to meet expectations in the current financial year. Aside from the diversification of revenue the Trading Company is broadening our reach into the recreation community and provides harmonious support to the recreation property landscape. One key secondary benefit is the creation of permanent jobs that preserve key skills needed to support recreation activity such as the maintenance of cricket wickets and fine turf sports pitches. As our operating area is also a Conservation Area, small community organisations can find their obligations to maintain trees a significant burden and this is an additional benefit to the expertise we now possess.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trustees that the charitable company should hold sufficient unrestricted reserves to enable it to meet its ongoing commitments equal to 6 months operating expenditure.

For the year ending 31 March 2024 this was approximately £0.48m and cash held at year end was £0.33m.

A further £1.2m is held in an investment portfolio and this amount is held to provide sufficient resources to enable the Charity to fund any additional opportunities for the charitable company's objectives to be furthered as they may arise.

Of the remaining reserves £7.4m are not easily realisable as they relate to fixed assets or freehold property.

The Charity has recently designated £400k to capital projects.

Details of the restricted, endowment and unrestricted funds available to the charitable company at the balance sheet date are given in note 19 to these financial statements. The Trustees consider the reserves position at this date to be satisfactory.

Going concern
The charitable company receives the majority of its ongoing income from Bath Rugby and Bath and North East Somerset Council for the ongoing use of its facilities. A significant proportion of this income relates to leases granted by the charitable company which have an end date in 2069 and the Trustees are of the view that this provides sufficient security to mitigate any risk to its continued existence.

Taking into account the operations of the charitable company and the current reserves position, the Trustees are of the opinion that the going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Governing document
The charity operating through a company limited by guarantee which is the sole Trustee of Bath Recreation Ground Trust is governed by a Scheme dated 14 December 2016, a Direction given on 3 November 2017 and the Articles of Association. The Articles of Association were amended by resolution on 9 March 2022 to reflect the changing needs for the governance structure. The additional provision for an extra 3-year term of office (changing the maximum period from 6 years to 9 years).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
The Company Trustee body is made up of not less than three co-opted trustees. Following the removal of nominating bodies one of the nominated trustees was retained as a co-opted trustee and the recruitment process was started to identify 2 new trustees with specialist knowledge and experience in the property and education fields.

Alistair Colston and Tim Withers joined the Board of Trustees in June 2022 and add strength to key areas as identified above. After serving the charity for 1 year Tim Withers resigned and Helen Donovan joined in September 2023.

When appointing co-opted Trustees, the Trustees must:
a. identify the needs of the charity regarding skills or knowledge of its Trustees; and
b. consider the extent to which appointees demonstrate the skills or knowledge; and
c. not appoint members of Bath and North East Somerset Council.

Of the co-opted Trustees, the Trustees must appoint at least one whose skills and knowledge include an ability to represent those groups of beneficiaries that use the recreation ground, other than Bath Rugby.

In appointing co-opted Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to the desirability of advertising or using trustee brokerage services. Candidates must be asked to consider and declare any existing or potential conflicts of interest before appointment.

At least three of the Trustees must be resident within 5 miles of Bath Abbey.

The Trustees are responsible for monitoring the ongoing risks facing the charitable company. The Trustees are satisfied that major risks have been reviewed and that systems and procedures appropriately established to manage those risks.

Key management remuneration
Trustees are not remunerated by the charity. Remuneration levels of the charitable company's key management are set in accordance with market rates and kept under review by the Trustees.

Events since the year end
Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bath Recreation Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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 charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:
- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS
The auditors, Sumer Auditco Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 November 2024. and signed on its behalf by:



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Jason Dalley - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Bath Recreation Limited

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Bath Recreation Limited (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiary ('the group')for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Charity Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern
In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and sector, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related company and charity legislation, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements of the charitable company. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice and the Companies Act 2006. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to potential lack of segregation of duties, bookkeeping errors and management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements. Audit procedures performed by the audit engagement team included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and any correspondence with The Charity Commission;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationship that might indicate a risk of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Bath Recreation Limited

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

James Gare (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Sumer Auditco Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 20 November 2024

Bath Recreation Limited

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	56,586	-	-	56,586	63,300
Charitable activities	4					
Provision of recreational facilities and supporting events consistent with the charitable objects		416,537	-	-	416,537	503,990
Other trading activities – income from subsidiary		117,014			117,014	53,275
Investment income	3	273,048	-	-	273,048	303,880
Total		863,185	-	-	863,185	924,445
EXPENDITURE ON						
Fundraising						
Raising funds – cost of running subsidiary		41,684	-	-	41,684	26,707
Charitable activities	5					
Provision of recreational facilities and supporting events consistent with the charitable objects		922,100	-	-	922,100	791,890
Total		963,784	-	-	963,784	818,597
Net gains/(losses) on investments		58,890	-	-	58,890	(84,964)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(41,709)	-	-	(41,709)	20,884
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		2,941,015	-	6,080,953	9,021,968	9,001,084
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		2,899,306	-	6,080,953	8,980,259	9,021,968

The notes form part of these financial statements

Consolidated Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	12	442,500	-
Tangible assets	13	3,763,612	3,712,421
Investments			
Investments	14	1,193,287	1,116,880
Investment property	15	3,670,000	3,670,000
		9,069,399	8,499,301
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	16	74,188	156,993
Cash at bank		329,644	536,559
		403,832	693,552
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(192,972)	(170,885)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		210,860	552,667
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,280,259	9,021,968
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(300,000)	-
NET ASSETS		8,980,259	9,021,968
FUNDS	19		
Unrestricted funds		2,499,306	2,941,015
Designated funds		400,000	-
Endowment funds		6,080,953	6,080,953
TOTAL FUNDS		8,980,259	9,021,968

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Jason Dalley, Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Charity Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible Assets	12	442,500	-
Tangible assets	13	3,763,612	3,712,421
Investments			
Investments	14	1,193,288	1,116,881
Investment property	15	3,670,000	3,670,000
		9,069,400	8,499,302
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	16	139,529	205,158
Cash at bank		228,855	482,603
		368,384	687,761
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(187,158)	(166,663)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		181,226	521,098
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,250,626	9,020,400
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(300,000)	-
NET ASSETS		8,950,626	9,020,400
FUNDS	19		
Unrestricted funds		2,469,673	2,939,447
Designated funds		400,000	-
Endowment funds		6,080,953	6,080,953
TOTAL FUNDS		8,950,626	9,020,400

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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Jason Dalley - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Bath Recreation Limited

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Group cash generated from operations	22	425,967	52,228
Net group cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		425,967	52,228
Group cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(150,000)	(24,717)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(396,672)	(297,347)
Acquisition of trade		(450,000)	-
Sale of fixed asset investments		347,000	274,144
Investment fees charged		10,742	10,770
Interest received		6,048	1,966
Net group cash used in investing activities		(632,882)	(35,184)
Change in group cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(206,915)	17,044
Group cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		536,559	519,515
Group cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		329,644	536,559

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Bath Recreation Limited as a charitable company established in England and Wales. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company. The address of the registered office is given in the reference and administrative details on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charitable company's operations and principal activities are described in the Report of the Trustees.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The functional currency of the charitable company, and the presentation currency of these financial statements is the pound sterling ("£").

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from approving these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements
The financial statements consolidate the results of the Charity and its wholly-owned subsidiary Bath Recreation (Trading) Limited both of which make up their financial statements to 31 March. A separate statement of financial activities, or income and expenditure account, for the charity itself is not presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charitable company has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Fees and rental income receivable
Fees and rental income receivable are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate. Where fee or rental income is received or receivable in advance of the period to which it relates, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income.

Donations
For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing.

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 an accruals 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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Intangible fixed assets
Goodwill arising on business combinations is capitalised, classified as an asset on the balance sheet and amortised on a straight line basis over its useful life. The period chosen for writing off goodwill is 10 years.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Land and buildings	- Nil
Glasshouse building	- 2% on straight line basis
Improvements to property	- 10% on reducing balance
Machinery and equipment	- 25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

No depreciation is charged on land. Assets costing over £250 are capitalised.

Investments
Listed investments are included in the balance sheet at fair value (their market value).

The realised and unrealised gains on investments are reflected in the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value as the period end and opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the statement of financial activities.

Investment property
Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation
The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted 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 charitable company. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The charitable company has a single permanent endowment which represents the land and buildings of the Bath Recreation Ground. As described in Note 23, the recreation ground is held by a linked charity

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Linked charities
Branch accounting has been adopted for the linked unincorporated charitable trust, see Note 24.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank
Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments
The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transition value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions
The charitable company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant impact on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are:
- the useful economic life of the charitable company's tangible fixed assets;
- the proportion of the overall land value that relates to buildings on the charitable company's land.

Critical areas of judgement
The charitable company includes its investment property at an estimated value of £3.67m. In the absence of an intention to sell and a committed buyer, this figure is a matter of judgement for the Trustees in consultation with their professional advisers.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other donations	56,586	63,300

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent from Bath & North East Somerset Council	238,742	278,711
Dividend income	28,258	23,020
Deposit account interest	6,048	1,966
Other interest receivable	-	183
	273,048	303,880

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024 Provision of recreational facilities and supporting events consistent with the charitable	2023 Total activities
	£	£
Bath Rugby	246,670	294,649
Other income	140,667	178,316
Grants	29,200	31,025
	416,537	503,990

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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES – continued

Rental income

The charity has the following amounts of rent due to it under operating lease agreements with various tenants at the Recreation Ground site:

	Due within one year	Due within two and five years	Due in more than five years
Rental income due	416,294	944,067	8,318,944

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 6)	Totals
	£	£	£
Provision of recreational facilities and supporting events consistent with the charitable objects	820,247	101,853	922,100

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Provision of recreational facilities and supporting events consistent with the charitable objects	27,778	74,075	101,853

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	98,812	100,154
Goodwill amortisation	7,500	-

8. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	13,300	11,000
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for other services:		
Accounts, VAT advice and payroll	745	3,750
Total audit fees	14,045	14,750

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no other trustees' remuneration or benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued

Trustees' expenses
During the year reimbursed expenses totalling £1,016 (2023: £765) were paid to five (2023: five) trustees for travel and training.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	310,144	233,649
Social security costs	25,209	19,682
Other pension costs	7,614	5,196
	342,967	258,527

Included in wages and salaries are redundancy payments amounting to £nil (2023 - £nil).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Management and administration	3	1
Ground management	7	7
	10	8

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
£70,001 - £80,000	-	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	-

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive, to whom responsibility for the day-to-day activities of the charity is delegated. The total employee benefits received by key management personnel during the year were £89,785 (2023: £79,593).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Endowment fund	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	63,300	-	-	63,300
Charitable activities				
Provision of recreational facilities and supporting events consistent with the charitable objects	503,990	-	-	503,990
Other trading activities – Income from subsidiary	53,275	-	-	53,275
Investment income	303,879	-	-	303,879
Total	924,445	-	-	924,445
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Provision of recreational facilities and supporting events consistent with the charitable objects	791,890	-	-	791,890
Raising funds – cost of running Subsidiary	26,707	-	-	26,707
Net gains / (Losses) on investments	(84,964)	-		(84,964)

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
NET INCOME	20,884	-	-	20,884
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	2,920,131	-	6,080,953	9,001,084
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,941,015	-	6,080,953	9,021,968

12. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS
CHARITY AND GROUP

	Goodwill £
COST	
Additions	450,000
AMORTISATION	
Charge for year	7,500
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	442,500
At 31 March 2023	-

Goodwill has arisen on the acquisition of Capital Projects. The charity has adopted amortisation over 10 years.

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS
CHARITY AND GROUP

	Land and buildings £	Glasshouse building £	Improvement to property £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	2,410,953	745,441	869,013
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	2,410,953	745,441	869,013
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	-	31,041	408,261
Charge for year	-	14,908	46,075
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	-	45,949	454,336
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	2,410,953	699,492	414,677
At 31 March 2023	2,410,953	714,400	460,752

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Machinery and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	323,439	-	4,348,846
Additions	45,000	105,000	150,000
At 31 March 2024	368,439	105,000	4,498,846
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	197,123	-	636,425
Charge for year	33,451	4,375	98,809
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	230,574	4,375	735,234
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	137,863	100,625	3,763,612
At 31 March 2023	126,316	-	3,712,421

Land and buildings represent the Bath Recreation Grounds and the main fabric of the various outbuildings erected on the land between 1894 and 1954. Land is not depreciated and the main fabric of these outbuildings is deemed to have an indefinite useful life and are therefore not depreciated either.

Impairment is considered periodically and commercial valuations are obtained to facilitate this. The latest valuation was obtained from Carter Jonas as at 31 March 2022.

The Land and buildings of the Bath Recreation Ground are held by a linked charity - The Bath Recreation Ground Trust.

Improvement to properties represents the conversion of an outbuilding to become the charity's office, creation of changing facilities and other building improvements. These improvements have a limited useful life and are depreciated over 10 years.

The freehold of a park off Broadmoor Lane, Bath currently generates no rental income yet incurs annual maintenance costs. Given that the land does not produce a yield to the charitable company, nor has any resale value, the Trustees have decided not to value the land in its financial statements.

The leasehold of the Glasshouse playing fields does not generate a significant surplus. Given that the land does not produce a net yield to the charitable company, nor has any resale value, the trustees have decided not to value the land in its financial statements.

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14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Group

	Investment portfolio £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE		
At 1 April 2023	1,116,880	1,116,880
Additions	396,672	396,672
Disposals	(347,000)	(347,000)
Revaluations	37,477	37,477
Investment management charges	(10,742)	(10,742)
At 31 March 2024	1,193,287	1,193,287
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 March 2024	1,193,287	1,193,287
At 31 March 2023	1,116,880	1,116,880

Charity	Shares in group undertakings £	Investment portfolio £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 April 2023	1	1,116,880	1,116,881
Additions	-	396,672	396,672
Disposals	-	(347,000)	(347,000)
Revaluations	-	37,477	37,477
Investment management charges	-	(10,742)	(10,742)
At 31 March 2024	1	1,193,287	1,193,288
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	1	1,193,287	1,193,288
At 31 March 2023	1	1,116,880	1,116,881

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2024 is represented by:

	Shares in group undertakings £	Investment portfolio £	Totals £
Valuation in 2024	1	1,193,287	1,193,288

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, Bath Recreation (Trading) Limited, company number 13553734. The company is incorporated in the United Kingdom and its registered office is Bath Recreation Ground, Pulteney Mews, Bath, England, BA2 4DS. The company was incorporated on 6 August 2021 and did trade during the period from 31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024. Note 26 provides further information on the activities of the subsidiary.

The investment portfolio consists of £1,156,494 listed investments and £36,793 cash balance.

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15. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Group and Charity

	£
FAIR VALUE	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	3,670,000
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	3,670,000
At 31 March 2023	3,670,000

The investment property built on the Bath Recreation Ground is held by a linked charity - the Bath Recreation Ground Trust.

Bath Sports & Leisure Centre became part of the Trust's assets following a decision of the Charity Tribunal in March 2014 which was reflected in an order of the Tribunal in April 2014. Attached to the asset is an obligation to demolish the building when it becomes life expired. It was not possible to recognise the value of the Sports and Leisure Centre fully until agreement was reached with Bath and North East Somerset Council on how the leisure centre would be used. The Trust have negotiated a lease and other arrangements with Bath and North East Somerset Council which resulted in Bath and North East Somerset Council paying substantial rent to the Trust from 1 April 2014 and assuming the obligation to demolish. The lease and ancillary documents were completed on 22 July 2016 and the full valuation including the Sports and Leisure Centre was included in the year ended 31 March 2018.

The £3,670,000 valuation of the land and buildings as at 31 March 2022 is based on an independent report prepared by Carter Jonas. The Trustees will take professional advice on the carrying amount of the investment property every five years.

Fair value at 31 March 2024 is represented by:

	£
Valuation in 2017	1,700,000
Valuation in 2022	1,970,000
	3,670,000

16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	28,736	7,927	10,111	3,061
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	83,966	53,031
Other debtors	499	499	499	499
Prepayments and accrued income	44,953	148,567	44,953	148,567
	74,188	156,993	139,529	205,158

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	48,342	22,382	47,293	21,834
Social security and other taxes	13,824	12,593	13,824	12,593
VAT	20,251	16,982	15,486	13,308
Accruals and deferred income	110,555	118,928	110,555	118,928
	192,972	170,885	187,158	166,663

Deferred income at 31 March 2024 of £97,589 (2023: £87,200) represents income invoiced in advance.

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18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred consideration	300,000	-

19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Group

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Endowment fund	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,795,159	-	2,410,953	4,206,112	3,712,421
Investments	1,193,287	-	3,670,000	4,863,287	4,786,880
Current assets	403,832	-	-	403,832	693,552
Current liabilities	(492,972)	-	-	(492,972)	(170,885)
	2,899,306	-	6,080,953	8,980,259	9,021,968

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Group and Charity

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,939,446	(469,773)	2,469,673
Designated funds – Capital Projects	-	400,000	400,000
Endowment funds			
Bath Recreation Ground	6,080,953	-	6,080,953
FUNDS OF CHARITY	9,020,399	(69,773)	8,950,626
Funds of subsidiary company	1,569	28,064	29,633
TOTAL FUNDS	9,021,968	(41,709)	8,980,259

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources in funds	Resources expended	Gains and losses / Transfers	Movement
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	746,171	(874,834)	(341,110)	(469,773)
Designated funds – Capital Projects	-	-	400,000	400,000
TOTAL FUNDS	746,171	(874,834)	58,890	(69,773)

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20. Comparatives for movement in funds - continued

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,920,131	19,315	2,939,446
Endowment funds			
Bath Recreation Ground	6,080,953	-	6,080,953
FUNDS OF CHARITY	9,001,084	19,315	9,020,399
Funds of subsidiary company	1	1,568	1,569
TOTAL FUNDS	9,001,085	20,883	9,021,968

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	896,169	(791,890)	(84,964)	19,315
Endowment funds				
Bath Recreation Ground	-	-	-	
TOTAL FUNDS	896,169	(791,890)	(84,964)	19,315

Bath Recreation Ground
This endowment fund represents the valuation of the land and buildings known as The Recreation Ground and the Sports Centre built upon it.

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21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year wages of £4,080 (2023: £5,760) were paid to H Flinn, the son of the Chief Executive Officer J Flinn.

22. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

There is no ultimate controlling party of the charity.

23. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(41,709)	20,884
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	98,809	100,154
Amortisation charges	7,500	
Losses/(gain) on investments	(37,477)	84,964
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Interest received	(6,048)	(1,966)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	82,805	(144,498)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	322,087	(7,310)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	425,967	52,228

24. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

Group

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	536,559	(206,915)	329,644

Charity

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	482,603	(253,748)	228,855

25. CORPORATE STRUCTURE AND LINKED CHARITY

The charitable company is an incorporated charity (the new charity), previously its activities were administered through the Bath Recreation Ground Trust (the old trust). The new charity was incorporated on 21 April 2017, but had no activities or transactions until 1 January 2018 when it took over the old trust's assets and operations, with the exception of the Bath Recreation Ground itself. Under trust law the land of the Recreation Ground cannot be held directly by the Charitable Company. Under a scheme agreed with the Charity Commission, from 1 January 2018, the new charity became the sole Trustee of old trust and the old trust became a linked charity to Bath Recreation Limited (linked charity number 1173521-1) and the assets and activities are included in these accounts under the rules of branch accounting.

26. SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, Bath Recreation (Trading) Limited, company number 13553734. The company is incorporated in the United Kingdom and its registered office is Bath Recreation Ground, Pulteney Mews, Bath, England, BA2 4DS. The company was incorporated on 6 August 2021 and did trade during the period from 31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024. The company donates all its taxable profits to Bath Recreation.

A summary of the financial performance of the subsidiary is shown below:

	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	117,014	53,275
Expenditure	(88,950)	(51,707)
Profit for the financial period	28,064	1,568

The assets and liabilities of the company were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets	119,413	58,822
Current liabilities	(89,780)	(57,253)
Long term liabilities	-	-
Net current assets	29,633	1,569
Reserves	29,632	1,568
Share capital	1	1
Net current assets	29,633	1,569

27. Financial results of the charity

The gross income for the year of the charity alone is £793,437 (2023: £896,170) and the deficit for the year of the charity alone is £72,535 (2023: £104,279 surplus).