

NPPFF – Annual General Meeting 2024

Report from the Secretary and Acting Treasurer (combined) 2023-24

Throughout this financial year the Pavilion and Playing Fields have been busy with football and cricket teams, clubs and societies as well as private parties and events.

Income from hiring out the building and playing field increased from £11,427 (2022-23) to £14,579. Additionally, we continued to receive refunds of VAT paid from HMRC and fundraising events brought in £4,024.

Total income for the year at £21,994 was a significant improvement on 2022-23 (£15,893) due to an increased number of private functions and a new Licence Agreement with the Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings which impacted positively on Field Income.

In terms of outgoings, the figure for the full year was £18,416 compared to £24,753 (2022-23). Building Maintenance Costs were lower at £2,760 (£6250 in 2022-23) and there was no significant expenditure on Building Refurbishment in this financial year. Administrative costs have increased due to the employment of a part-time Treasurer and the licence fees for using Xero software.

There has been little change in general overhead costs despite increases in utility charges.

Utilities £3,661 (down from £3,752 in 2022-23)

Cleaning £1,729 (down from £2,069 in 2022-23)

The charity started the financial year with £21,220 at the bank and ended with £24,798 – a small increase of £3,578.

I reported last year that my role as Acting Treasurer had come to an end but, unfortunately, this was a short-lived respite as two Treasurers came and went during the year. I am happy to confirm that this situation has now been resolved and the charity now has a very competent Treasurer who will no doubt bring about improvements in the coming months. The year end accounts were audited by Chris Noake who found them to be a true and accurate record of the financial position of the charity as at 31st March 2024. I wish to thank him for his support in completing the year end accounts and with the submission of accounts to the Charities Commission.

Throughout the year the Community Café continued to provide refreshments for the football teams and their supporters on a Saturday morning and has been able to support the Pavilion and other community groups by way of much-appreciated donations. The Pavilion has been in regular use by the Playgroup and the Gardening, Dog, Lunch and Table Tennis Clubs. The Parish Council uses the Pavilion as the venue for its monthly meetings. The NPPFF has entered into a 10-year Licence Agreement with the Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings which should provide access to grant funding from the FA and other funding bodies to improve the Pavilion facilities in the longer term. The cricket teams continue their regular

fixtures on the pitches through the summer and there is now the added attraction of the Multi-Use Games Area which is available to hire for football, netball and basketball. It is hoped that the installation of floodlights will provide further opportunities for hire through the winter evenings. Looking to the future, the Exeter City Community Trust are now hiring the Pavilion and Playing Fields for their school holiday clubs. The success of these events in 2024 has led to significantly increased advance bookings for 2025 which will have a positive impact on finances.

I wish to thank all members of the Trustee Board, and particularly the Management Committee for their support during the year.

Jacqui Baldwin
Secretary
27th September 2024