

**Thursby Sport & Recreation Committee**  
**Registered Charity Number 1093446**  
**Annual Report 2018-19**

**1. Introduction**

This report sets out the progress made by the Thursby Sport & Recreation Committee (hereafter referred to as 'the Charity') during the financial year 2018-19.

The report sets out the progress made during the year in terms of activities and progress on major projects, but also provides a summary of the financial and governance arrangements for the year.

**2. Activities during the Financial Year**

The main focus of activity during the period has been to: -

- Establish continued regular usage of the site;
- Embed processes and procedures for the safe operation of the site;
- Continue to raise the profile of the site within the local community;
- Secure the necessary investment to complete the new play area development project.

Further details of these are outlined in more details below: -

**Establishing Regular Usage**

From August 2018 we embarked upon our second season of football being played on the site. The on-going agreement with Dalston Junior Black Reds have seen 2 x under 8, 1 x under 10, 1 x under 12, and 2 x under 14 teams play regular fixtures at the site. The Ship Inn FC adult men's team have also used the site for home fixtures during the season, however, due to low numbers of players, this team folded in December 2018, and no subsequent Sunday morning team has been able to be found to play on the site at this time. We have also seen occasional usage by Nelson Thomlinson School. A total of 98 competitive matches were played on the site during the 2018-19 season.

Other users have also included Thursby Primary School during the Spring Term 2019 for their after school football club, as well as a local schools cross country competition, and a Chance Camp event referenced later in this report.

This has resulted in throughput figures for football alone of 2444 participants, 401 volunteers, and 2441 spectators being present at matches during the season. A further 150 participants have taken part in the cross country event and the Chance Camp on the site.

These figures do not include the many hundreds of visits made to the site for social and recreational play and football activities which takes place every day. The Committee are pleased to see the facility being used so widely by the community.

**Develop Fit for Purpose Processes for Safe Operation of the Site**

The Charity has worked hard with partners during this second year of operation to ensure that the users are able to do so safely. Things that have been considered have included: -

- Information on security to user groups;
- Issuing and registering of keys;
- Grounds maintenance and grass cutting arrangements;
- Monitoring health and safety and defects;

This will be an on-going process, and will be picked up by the Committee moving forward. It's disappointing to report that there has been a small number of low level vandalism incidents throughout the year, these issues have been publicised on the playing fields Facebook page, and in the local parish magazine. In all cases the issues have been resolved without the need to inform the Police.

### **Raising the Profile of the site within the local Community**

#### **Chance Camp**

The Charity also held a 'fun on the field' event during the summer of 2018 for the children of the village to enjoy a range of fun activities, provided in partnership with Chance Camp, a local sports development company. 16 children attended the event, and we will look to run similar events next year.

#### **Fundraising Events**

To continue to raise the profile of the Charity in the local community, and to raise much needed funds, a series of fundraising events were organised over the course of the year. These events are invaluable in spreading the message about the aims and objectives of the Charity, and also help to galvanise support from the community. Events this year have included a race Night, Burns Night Supper, Live Music Night, Curry Night, as well as providing the refreshments at a Table Top Sale.

### **3. Financial Information**

A full financial report is available on request. Summary details are as follows: -

Income was again higher than normal due to the numerous grant applications made for the play area development project, and was a figure of £35,227 for the year. Total expenditure, which was mainly revenue expenditure linked to on-going servicing of the site and the fundraising activities, coupled with a final retention payment to the contractor for the pavilion and store development project was £12,866. This resulted in an increase in balances from a figure of £10,119 at 1 April 2018 to a figure of £32,480 as at 31 March 2019.

The fundraising activities by the Charity, highlighted earlier raised a healthy net figure of £5,689 during the period; events included a Burns Night Supper, Live Music Night, Race Night, and a Curry Night.

It was also pleasing to note an increased financial contribution being received through Thursby Parish Council. A report was prepared for the Council meeting in September 2018 seeking additional support, and following discussions, it has been agreed that the Council will support the Charity to the value of £3,000 each year moving forward. This development is seen as vitally important to help the long term sustainability of the Charity, as well as recognition from the Council of the vital role physical activity, and the provision of high quality local facilities can play in supporting the community to be healthy and well.

Moving into 2019-20, the Committee will be undertaking a full review of the financial situation, as they have undergone a full year of operating the facility. A review of the current charging policies will also be undertaken.

#### **4. Trustees**

The Charity has maintained its current number of Trustees from the previous year.

Current list of Trustees is as follows: -

Mr Keith Mason  
Mr Stuart Eastwood  
Mr Daniel Braithwaite  
Mr David Pattinson  
Mr John Henderson

#### **5. Committee Members**

A strong Committee is in place to support the Trustees in moving the Charity forward, they bring a wealth of different skills to the table, to ensure the best possible chance of success moving forward. Details are as follows: -

Chairman	Keith Mason
Secretary	Richard Johnston
Treasurer	Stuart Eastwood
Committee Member	Daniel Braithwaite
Committee Member	Graeme Cross
Committee Member	Richard Casson
Committee Member (Pitch Maintenance)	Kevin Cowing
Committee Member (Parish Council link)	Wendy Bowe
Committee Member (Pitch Maintenance)	Mike Little
Committee Member (Football Link)	Doreen Stockdale

#### **6. Priorities for 2019-20**

The Charity is now in the final phase of completing its long term facility development plan for the site, and is progressing well against the identified priorities.

All of the required funding, in the region of £77,000 is now in place to complete the new play area development project. A main contractor, Playdale Ltd, has been appointed, and it is expected that the new play area will be installed in June 2019.

Once installed, the Charity will look to hold an official opening event, to celebrate the final piece of the Facility Development Plan being achieved.

**Richard Johnston**  
**Secretary**

**April 2019**



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**THURSBY SPORTS AND RECREATION  
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I have examined the foregoing Association books, accounts and vouchers and certify that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and Balance sheet at that date are in accordance therewith.

Brian Laidlaw FCCA  
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**Thursby Sports & Recreation Committee – ACCOUNT Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**Opening balances at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018** - Community Account - £9,491.15 Business Reserve Account - £222.97 Cash-in-hand - £404.94 - Total - £10,119.06

<b>INCOME – Item</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE – Item</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018</b>	<b>£10,119.06</b>		
Race Night cash & cheques	708.00	Fuel for tractor reimbursed PC 13/4/2018	30.97
Bank Interest 4/6/2018	0.11	Race Night prizes reimbursed PC 21/4/2018	53.98
Royal Oak Curthwaite donation cheque 100085	295.00	Jelf Insurance – cheque 100375 28/4/2018	1,637.70
Nelson Thomlinson School pitch fee APR1/18 cheque 100085	45.00	Thursby PH hire AGM invoice 2211 paid PC 8/5/2018	6.00
CAF Co-Op Community grant BACS 9/7/2018	232.16	Hazard barrier tape paid PC 14/5/2018	12.28
Dalston JBRFC pitch fees - APR2&3/18, MAY2/18 – cheque 100086	638.00	Allan Stobart fuel etc. cheque 100376 6/5/2018	32.50
Ship Inn FC pitch fees - rest of NOV3/17 & part of MAY1/18 – cash	215.00	Npower cheque 100377 5/6/2018	246.76
Bank interest 3/9/2018	0.11	Duncan Ross field maintenance cheque 100378 6/6/2018	1,632.00
Coffee Morning 15/9/2018 – cash	209.30	Waterplus paid BACS SE reimbursed PC 2/7/2018	11.99
Cumbria CC Grant – BACS 2/10/2018	1,500.00	Dalston Aggregates field maintenance cheque 100379 6/7/18	1,080.00
Thursby PC Annual grant – cheque 100087	2,000.00	Rigby Taylor fertilizer cheque 100380 6/7/2018	473.28
Tickets for music night – cheque R & A Nelson 100086	40.00	Npower paid PC 9/7/2018	20.82
Music Night tickets, raffle & bar, cash and cheques 100088	1,112.00	Tyre work maintenance paid PC 4/8/2018	14.40
Ship Inn FC pitch fees cash - rest of MAY1/18	101.00	WaterPlus paid cheque 100381 24/8/2018	9.74
Dalston JBRFC pitch fees OCT1-18 cheque 100089	305.00	Raffle prizes for coffee morning paid PC 14/9/2018	17.15
Dalston JBRFC pitch fees NOV1-18 cheque 100089	195.00	Allan Stobart fuel paid cheque 100382 10/10/2018	42.40
Cumbria Community Foundation grant BACS 8/11/2018	5,000.00	Music Night food paid PC 20/10/2018 (4 receipts)	98.84
Pitch fee Unison Athletic 11/11/2018 cash	45.00	Music Night Raffle prizes PC 20/10/2018	8.48
CAF Co-Op Community grant BACS 22/11/2018	2,088.25	Music Night Thursby PH hire invoice 2313 paid PC 21/10/2018	62.25
Hadfield Trust grant payment BACS 10/12/2018	4,000.00	CWMET 10% of 2016-17 grant cheque 100383 10/10/2018	1,500.00
Garfield Weston Foundation grant cheque 100089	7,500.00	Payment to band for music night cheque 100384 22/10/2018	304.00
Bank Interest 27/12/2018	0.11	Cleaning materials PC 14/11/2018	10.00
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Thursby Events Group donation 17/1/2019 cheque 100089	519.15	Architect fees pavilion project invoice 162/09 cheque 100385 27/11/2018	255.00
Burns Night tickets and raffle cash & cheques 100090	1,040.00	Eddie Wannop final pavilion invoice 6194 - cheque 100386 27/11/2018	3,300.00
Curry Night 9/2/2019 tickets cash & cheques 100090	959.50	Thursby PH hire 3/12/2018 invoice 2347 paid cash	5.00
Curry Night 9/2/2019 raffle & donations cash	177.00	Npower 10/1/2019 paid cash	38.16
Bar proceeds Curry Night 9/2/2019 cash	302.50	Rigby Taylor fertilizer paid cheque 22/1/2019 100387	251.65
Bank Interest 4/3/2019	0.11	Raffle prizes etc 26/1/2019 reimbursed cash	61.16
Cumbria County Council grant (D. Fairburn) BACS	1000.00	Catering Ann Parry Burns Night invoice 51 26/1/2019 cheque	432.00





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**General Summary of Income & Expenditure**

<b>INCOME – General</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE - General</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank Interest	0.44		Thursby Parish Hall Hire for meetings		11.00
Thursby Parish Council Annual Grant	2,000.00		Postage		0.00
General Fund Raising & Donations	7,682.86		Utilities: Npower (Electricity) United Utilities (Water)		305.74 50.16
Pitch hire fees	1,544.00		Insurance		1,637.70
Pitch hire fees debt written off (not included in totals)	180.00		Annual Accounts Audit Fee		216.00
			Fund Raising Costs		1,993.89
			Volunteer costs		0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>£11,227.30</b>	General Maintenance		147.63
			Grounds maintenance - fertiliser		724.93
			Annual pitch maintenance		2,712.00
			<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>£7,799.05</b>
<b>INCOME - Jubilee Field Regeneration Project - Playground Redevelopment Grants</b>			<b>EXPENDITURE - Jubilee Field Regeneration Project</b>		
Cumbria County Council	1,500.00		Architects final fees for pavilion		255.00
Cumbria Community Foundation	5,000.00		Wannop contractors bills for pavilion		3,300.00
Hadfield Trust	4,000.00		CWMET 10% grant contribution for FY 2016-17		1,500.00
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<b>Total Income to 31/3/2019</b>		<b>£35,227.30</b>	<b>Total Expenditure to 31/3/2019</b>		<b>£12,854.05</b>



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