

Thursby Sport & Recreation Committee
Registered Charity Number 1093446
Annual Report 2019-20

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 2019-20.

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: -

- Maintain 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: -

Maintaining Regular Usage

From August 2019 we embarked upon our third season of football being played on the site. The on-going agreement with Dalston Junior Black Reds have seen 1 x under 8, 2 x under 10, 1 x under 12, and 1 x under 14 teams play regular fixtures at the site. The Dalston Sailor FC adult men's team have also used the site for home fixtures during the season in the Carlisle & District Sunday Morning League, and the pitches have also been used by Crown Newlaithes FC adult men's team in the Cumberland County League on a Saturday afternoon. We have also seen occasional usage by Nelson Thomlinson School. A total of 64 competitive matches were played on the site during the 2019-20 season, which was unfortunately cut short in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This number is significantly lower than in the previous season, but it should be noted that there are usually many games played during the later stages of March and into April each season.

This has resulted in throughput figures for football alone of 1,602 participants, 256 volunteers, and 1,920 spectators being present at matches during the season.

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.

It was pleasing to see the large numbers of people using the perimeter path around the playing field for regular exercise and walks during the COVID-19 lockdown, taking the opportunity to use the facilities at the field during their one hour per day of physical activity.

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

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 big picnic, which also served as an official opening event for the new play area, 80's party night, and a Curry Night, as well as providing the refreshments at a Table Top Sale.

Securing the necessary investment to complete the new play area development project

The funding of £77,000 was secured to develop the new play area. Playdale Ltd were the approved contractor and work started on the installation during June 2019, taking around three weeks to complete. The new development has been welcomed by the community, and is proving extremely popular, with large numbers of users. The provision of benches also supports the social aspect of the facility, with many parents meeting whilst their children play.

An official opening event was held at the play area on 1 September 2019, and although a very wet day, it was attended by a few hardy souls!

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 £62,551 for the year. Total expenditure, which was mainly revenue expenditure linked to on-going servicing of the site and the fundraising activities, coupled with payments relating to the playground development project was £83,972. This resulted in a reduction in balances from a figure of £32,492 at 1 April 2019 to a figure of £11,071 as at 31 March 2020.

The fundraising activities by the Charity, highlighted earlier raised a healthy net figure of £1,924 during the period; events included a big picnic, which also served as an official opening event for the new play area, 80's party night, and a Curry Night, as well as providing the refreshments at a Table Top Sale.

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 2020-21, the Committee will be looking closely at the financial position, taking account of significant levels of lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 2020-21

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.

Moving forward, the Committee will assess the impact of COVID-19 on the financial position of the Charity as soon as this is possible. Effort will be made to re-establish regular football usage as soon as it is possible.

As well as embarking on a number of usual fundraising activities and events, the Charity are also considering re-introducing an outdoor music festival/fun day at the Playing Field. To be held in May 2021, which will hopefully become an annual event, raising much needed funds for both the Playing Field, but also the School PFA as well. Discussions are at an early stage, but it is hoped that this will be a possibility.

Richard Johnston
Secretary

April 2020

ACCOUNTS - Thursby Sports & Recreation Committee – ACCOUNT Period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

Opening balances at 1st April 2019 - Community Account - £31,962.68 Business Reserve Account - £223.41 Cash-in-hand - £306.22 - Total - £32,492.31

INCOME – Item	£ Cash & Cheques	£ Bank	EXPENDITURE – Item	£ Cash	£ Cheques
Bank Interest 2/6/2019		0.11	Playdale Playground Ltd. 1 st invoice for new play equipment 22/4/2019 - cheque 100391		18,000.00
DJBR FC pitch fees Invoices JAN1-19 March 1-19 APRIL1-19 APRIL3-19 BACS 5/6/2019		997.50	Jelf Insurance 30/4/2019 - cheque100392		1,487.07
Thursby Parish Council Annual grant cheque 100091 11/6/2019	2,000.00		Sainsbury's Cleaning materials - reimbursed PC 27/4/2019	6.30	
National Lottery Community Fund Grant BACS 19/7/2019		20,500.00	Newitts Goal Net Hooks - reimbursed PC 30/4/2019	13.92	
CO-OP Community Foundation Grant BACS 30/7/2019		54.01	Spar Cardewlees fuel for equipment - reimbursed PC 14/5/2019	48.89	
Allerdale BC Grant (Story Homes) BACS 30/7/2019		13,521.40	Thursby PH hire invoice 2482 PC 7/5/2019	6.00	
Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust (CWMET) grant cheque 100092 6/8/2019	20,000.00		Waterplus - cheque 100393 12/5/2019		11.91
Bank Interest 2/9/2019		0.11	Npower - cheque 100394 5/6/2019		106.06
Coffee Morning fundraiser 21/9/2019 cash	180.00		Duncan Ross Pitch Maintenance - cheque 100395 24/6/2019		1,296.00
80's Night fundraiser proceeds (tickets, raffle & bar) 19/10/2019 cash	997.00		10% match funding payment for CWMET grant - cheque 100396 16/7/2019		2,000.00
Thursby Parish Council Additional Grant cheque 23/10/2019 100093 12/2/2020	1,500.00		Allan Stobart Fuel - cheque 100397 18/7/2019		31.70
Nelson Thomlinson School pitch fees invoices APRIL2-19 OCT7-19 cheque 27/11/2019 100093 12/2/2020	75.00		Hopes Horticultural Services plant service - cheque 100398 18/7/2019		248.88
Bank Interest 2/12/2019		0.11	BG Sports International goal parts - reimbursed PC 24/7/2019	52.10	
Crown Newlaithes FC invoice OCT2-2019 BACS 5/12/2019		225.00	Rigby Taylor Fertiliser - cheque100399 10/8/2019		468.66
Cash donation for pitch use 26/12/2019	50.00		Playdale Playgrounds Ltd 2 nd invoice for new play equipment – cheque 100401 10/8/2019		56,999.90

Cumberland FA grant for goalposts BACS 13/2/2020		300.00	Registered/Special delivery postage for Playdale cheque 12/8/2019 - paid cash Wigton PO	6.60	
Curry Night tickets cheques (3) 100093 12/2/2020	155.50		Waterplus - cheque 100402 12/8/2019		13.73
CNFC pitch fees invoices OCT5-2019 & FEB2-2020 paid BACS 20/2/2020		225.00	B&M raffle prizes coffee morning – paid cash 17/9/2019	12.56	
Curry Night tickets (£990.50) and raffle (£149) cash 22/2/2020	1,139.50		Rigby Taylor fertiliser - cheque 100403 19/9/2019		79.80
Curry Night bar proceeds 22/2/2020 – cheque 100094 31/3/2020	286.50		BK Screenprint signs – cheque 100404 14/10/2019		222.00
Bank interest 2/3/2020		0.08	Npower - paid cash Dalston PO 14/10/2019	63.46	
FEB4-2020 Nelson T School pitch fees cheque 100094 31/3/2020	75.00		Thursby PH hire 80's Night - paid cash 19/10/2019	57.00	
DSFC pitch fees OCT3-2019 OCT6-2019 FEB3-2020 BACS 10/3/2020		270.00	Amazon decorations 80's Night (4 receipts) - reimbursed PC 20/10/2019	25.89	
			Wickes Carlisle materials - reimbursed PC 28/10/2019	7.35	
			The Range Carlisle paint - reimbursed PC 29/10/2019	13.99	
			B&M cleaning materials - reimbursed PC 22/11/2019	12.46	
			Waterplus paid BACS - reimbursed PC 28/11/2019	11.31	
			Wickes Carlisle tools/equipment - reimbursed PC 27/11/2019	12.00	
			Npower - paid cash Dalston PO 4/12/2019	67.35	
			BK Screenprint signs - paid cash 11/12/2019	40.80	
			Screwfix Carlisle tools & equipment reimbursed PC 22/1/2020	16.43	
			Rigby Taylor fertiliser - cheque 100405 26/1/2020		356.70
			MH Goals Ltd Goal Posts - reimbursed cheque 100406 26/1/2020		816.00
			Via Velo Sports via Amazon Lock & chain - reimbursed PC	19.92	
			Travis Perkins guttering - reimbursed PC 8/2/2020	25.08	

			Waterplus - cheque 100407 11/2/2020		21.21
			Allan Stobart Fuels - cheque 100408 11/2/2020		34.79
			Screwfix Carlisle Ladder & Tools - reimbursed cheque 100409 15/2/2020		127.97
			Wilko Hose-pipe - reimbursed PC 14/2/2020	49.00	
			Catering & caterer's insurance for Curry Night - paid cash 22/2/2020	684.50	
			Food for Curry Night (2 receipts) - reimbursed PC 23/2/2020	16.70	
			Thursby PH hire Curry Night invoice 2710 23/2/2020 - paid cash	81.50	
			Annual Audit fee 2018-19 Accounts - cheque 100411 9/3/2020		216.00
			Npower paid cash Wigton PO 23/3/2020	83.20	
			Sub-total cash payments	£1,434.31	
Sub-total cash and cheque payments	£26,458.50		Sub-total cheque payments		£82,538.38
Sub-total direct payments to bank		£36,093.32	Total Expenditure to 31/3/2020		£83,972.69
Total Income to 31/3/2020		£62,551.82	Total balances at bank & in-hand at 31/3/2020		£11,071.44
Total income plus balance as at 1/4/2019		£95,044.13	Total expenditure plus balances at 31/3/2020		£95,044.13

Closing Balances at 31st March 2020 - Barclays Bank (Branch formerly at 6 King Street, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 9DU)
Community Account - £9247.71; Business Saver Account - £223.82; Cash and cheques in hand - £1599.91 TOTAL – £11,071.44

GENERAL SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME – General	FY 2019-20 £	FY 2018-19 £	EXPENDITURE - General	FY 2019-20 £	FY 2018-19 £
Bank Interest	0.41	0.44	Thursby Parish Hall Hire for meetings	6.00	11.00
Thursby Parish Council Annual Grant	3,500.00	2,000	Postage	6.60	0.00
General Fund Raising & Donations	2,802.51	7,682.86	Utilities: Npower (Electricity)	320.07	305.74
			United Utilities (Water)	58.16	50.16
Pitch hire fees**	1,917.50	1,544.00	Insurance	1,487.07	1,637.70
			Annual Accounts Audit Fee	216.00	216.00
			Fund raising costs	878.15	1,993.89
Sub-totals	£8,230.42	£11,227.30	Volunteer costs	0.00	0.00
			Sports equipment & repairs	882.02	0.00
			General maintenance	654.76	147.63
			Grounds maintenance - fertiliser	905.16	724.93
			Annual pitch maintenance	1,296.00	2,712.00
			Sub-totals	£6,710.19	£7,799.05
INCOME - Jubilee Field Regeneration Project - Playground Redevelopment Grants			EXPENDITURE - Jubilee Field Regeneration Project		
National Lottery Community Fund	20,500.00		Playground refurbishment	74,999.90	
Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust (CWMET)	20,000.00		Additional signs for Jubilee Field	262.80	
Allerdale Borough Council	13,521.40		CWMET 10% grant contribution 2019-20	2,000.00	
Cumberland FA (towards new goals)	300.00				
Sub-total	£54,321.40	£24,000.00	Sub-total	£77,262.70	£5,055.00
Total Income to 31/3/2019		£35,227.30	Total Expenditure to 31/3/2019		£12,854.05
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****NOTE – Pitch invoices owed for FY2019-20 £827.50 (amount not included in totals).**

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29 July 2020

THURSBY SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

I have examined the foregoing Association books, accounts and vouchers and certify that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2020 and Balance sheet at that date are in accordance therewith.



Brian Laidlaw FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant