



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2016
To 31st March 2017

Period start date
Period end date

Charity name: Guildford Sports Ground

Charity registration number: 305056

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	A Charitable Trust of the Woodbridge Road Sportsground land was created on 9 August 1912 by a deed of conveyance and declaration of trust (the Vesting Deed) executed on that date by Sir Harry Waechter who several months earlier acquired two parcels of leasehold land from the Earl of Onslow to form the sportsground. Guildford Borough Council owns the freehold of the Woodbridge Road Sportsground (including its associated land and buildings) as the sole charitable trustee under a charitable trust. In summary, the purposes are to provide a sportsground for public benefit to include a variety of sporting, entertainment and social activities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main activities take place for the benefit of the public. For example, men, women and young people regularly play cricket across a range of ability levels. Guildford Cricket Club encourages competitive cricket to enjoy the game and the club's facilities. These activities greatly benefit the public and are achieved through a lease to Guildford Cricket Club.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustee has had regard to the responsibility they have to ensure the charity is carrying out its purpose for the public benefit, to act in the charity's best interests and to manage the charity's resources responsibly.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	n/a
Other		n/a

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The pavilion was built in 1938 and was in a poor state of repair. The trustee recognised that its refurbishment was key to wider community use and fulfilment of the charitable purposes by providing fit for purpose toilets, changing facilities and a community room. This was identified as a priority for the trustee. The refurbishment began at the end of 2016.</p> <p>There is an annual cricket festival held in June. This is when Surrey County Cricket Club plays professional cricket at Guildford Sportsground.</p> <p>The trustee procured and erected a new boundary fence to the north boundary in this reporting year, ensuring the sportsground is secure and maintained.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The charity has achieved the objectives it set including the refurbishment of the pavilion and improvement of governance arrangements. One of the charity's future objectives is to improve the management of the sportsground in order to further increase public benefit including widening the activities available in line with the purposes as set out in the charity's governing document.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		n/a

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's annual accounts for 2016-17 report the financial position of the charity at the end of the period, 31 st March 2017. The accounts are available from the Charity Commission website. Donations in the year totalled £721,630, whilst other income totalled £10,770. Expenditure was £117,595 with the balance of £614,805 invested in the development of the sports ground. At the end of the period, the charity's net assets were £1,146,370.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The revaluation reserve is the only reserve held by the charity. It contains the gains resulting from increases in the value of property, plant and equipment.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the period, the value of the revaluation reserve was £221,440.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The sole trustee of the charity is Guildford Borough Council. The council is committed to providing the requisite funding to enable the charity to carry out its objectives. The council holds sufficient reserves to ensure that all of its commitments can be met.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are currently no uncertainties to report regarding the going concern status of the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal source of funding for the charity is the donation made by Guildford Borough Council. The annual accounts for 2016-17 contain details of the charity's income.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The charity does not hold any financial investments.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	n/a
Other		n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Guildford Sports Ground
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Council's Executive acted as the trustee in this reporting year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Council's Executive acted as the trustee in this reporting year.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Council's Executive acted as the trustee in this reporting year.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Surrey County Cricket Club (SCCC) and Guildford Cricket Club (GCC) help to deliver the annual cricket festival. GCC are a tenant.
Other		Annual event/festival organisers Local community groups

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Guildford Sports Ground
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	305056
Charity's principal address	Guildford Borough Council Millmead House, Millmead Guildford Surrey GU2 4BB

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Paul Spooner	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman, Executive Trustee Committee	
Date		