



Charity Name SYMINGTON SPARK

Trustees' Annual Report

**Period: From 1st September 2024 to
31st August 2025**

Norrie Hunter, Chair Board of Trustees – Symington SPark

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12/03/26



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Objectives and activities

Symington SPark was set up to upgrade the tennis courts in Shaw Park, Symington to enable a wider range of sports to be played in the village. The previous (tennis) courts were poorly maintained and unusable and becoming an eyesore. A group was set up to take on a ten year lease of the courts from South Ayrshire Council and to apply for funding. An application to the Big Lottery was successful and a landscape architect was employed to design and manage the project, resulting in the current facility being completed in 2017.

The Board oversees the maintenance of the courts (clearing rubbish, debris from adjacent trees, and checking equipment, lighting, and fencing), ensures that any necessary repairs are completed and attends to administrative duties including insurance.

Symington SPark seeks to encourage people of all ages to meet to engage in sports activities and to provide opportunities for people to improve their health and well-being.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Symington SPark is governed by the charity's constitution. There are currently 9 Trustees on the Board.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Applications for trustees from any interested parties will be considered by the Board. The Board is keen to receive applications from any members aged over sixteen years. All trustees are required to have Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme membership.

Achievements and performance

The multi-use sports facility has been maintained in good condition, and has remained open for anyone for most of the year. This has provided the opportunity for people from Symington and the surrounding area to play netball, street hockey, tennis, basketball,

football, and short tennis during daylight hours and, when weather permits, up until 9.30pm with the aid of floodlighting.

The tennis court has again been hired for private tennis matches by Kilmaurs Tennis Club.

The tennis court and multi-use games area have been popular with players also travelling from areas outwith the village (including Dundonald, Troon, Kilmarnock, and Auchinleck), which has increased the overall usage. The facilities have been complimented by users.

The South Ayrshire Council Active Schools team utilised the MUGA for sports activities with Symington Primary School pupils in the Spring and Summer terms.

Local Netball teams have taken the opportunity to hire the MUGA for private training sessions and the trustees are keen to develop this relationship with other groups wishing to utilise the facilities for private hire usage.

Community Spring Open Day

SPark organised a community Spring Open Day which was organised by volunteers and trustees of Spark. A wide range of community organisations/groups were able to make use of the facilities on the day. These activities included walking football, Netball, Street Hockey and some community engagement events with Scottish Fire & Rescue and Police Scotland attending. The event was well received by the local community with over 200 persons in attendance.

Spark was very grateful for the support from Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue for helping to generate additional local interest.

Spark are also very grateful to the local CoOp for providing a very generous donation which helped to meet the costs of running a free BBQ during the day of the event.

A great atmosphere and competitive spirit was drummed up with local sports teams participating.

Volunteers within Spark have been actively carrying out some grounds maintenance activities and installing replacement Basketball backboards.

Financial review

Financial report – John Mulholland
Income & Expenditure Account 01/09/24 to 31/08/25

Opening Balance
£6,248

Income

Grant South Ayrshire	£1,000
Open Day Donations	£126.10
Tennis Club Lets	£42.94

£1,169.04

£7,417.19

Expenditure

Keegan Insurance	£636.22
Symington Bowling Club Let	£30.00
Symington Bowling Club Donation Water	£30.00
Symington Bowling Club 5 years of electricity	£776.62
Scout Hut SPARK Meet January	£20.00
Sausages Open	£43.00

£1,535.84

Closing Balance
£6,881.35

There were no challenges to the Spark finances and it was acknowledged that continued operation of Spark in its present capacity and activities there are at least 5 further years of financial stability without additional locality fundraising activities. Further fund raising activities will be reviewed against the needs of the Spark constitution and necessity to meet local requirements

Future plans

We hope that the range of activities and number of people using the facilities will continue to increase and this will be actively encouraged by the Board.