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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	02	2024	To	31	01	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Cooper Park Bowling Club
SC049425
Cooper Park Bowling Club Pavilion

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
none	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Constitution Of Cooper Park Bowling Club (Adopted at AGM on 10th February 2019)
Trustee recruitment and appointment	No new Trustee's were appointed in this financial year

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Organisation has been formed to benefit the community of specifically Elgin but also the wider community of Moray with the purpose of managing and maintaining Cooper Park Bowling Club pavilion and grounds to promote Bowling for leisure and recreation for all age groups with a view to increasing public participation through a range of events.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We always look forward to the outdoor season, competing in external Leagues such as the Highland Bowling Association and Banffshire Bowling Association, being able to host and play away in 'friendlies' with other local Clubs and entering each others Open Competitions, which is an essential and a valuable source of revenue for all Clubs throughout the season.

There were ongoing maintenance projects throughout the season notably repairs to the green caused by crows tearing up the surface grass to feast on un-hatched lacewing fly larvae. We researched a chemical solution which could be applied in the autumn but decided against it because of the abhorrent cost (£800+ for 500ml).

Aesthetic improvements were continued in further planting of perennial border plants and shrubs around the club grounds and we continue to see members of the public coming in to the Club to sit and watch us play. However none as yet could be enticed onto the playing surface.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Year in year out the Club continues to break even financially. Principal Income sources are from Club membership, competition entries, raffles and kitchen sales, with additional funds raised through member donations, the website 'EasyFundRaising' and from Gift Aid rebate.

The club also received funds from the Welsh Family Trust in 2024 towards the purchase of new flooring carpet tiles in the entrance hall, main and changing rooms.

This income was balanced against ongoing expenditures such as Green and Club maintenance, serving of equipment, Electricity and Water Services and Insurance costs.

Although being the smallest of the three outdoor clubs in Elgin, club members achieved some success in other Club's Open Tournaments winning the Portknockie Open Pairs and the Lhanbryde Open Pairs in 2024 as well as being losing finalists in the Upper Donside (Glenkindie) Invitation Triples and Portgordon Open Pairs.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Club has almost £14,000 in cash reserves which is essential for the longevity of ongoing Green and Club maintenance.

Once the outdoor season has finished, there are a number of projects planned for the autumn and spring throughout the closed season. The south bank of the green is to be dug out and re-set further back from the edge of the green.

Timber edging on the edge of the playing surface comprising a distance in excess of 130m is going to be renewed in stages as this has been compromised by dry rot in places.

We are also looking to replace the original entrance gate to improve ease of access and egress to the club grounds.

We may also look into replacing the Pavilion's entrance doors.

Lastly, we intend to inspect and re-clad where necessary sections of the tongue and groove boards comprising the outside surface of the Clubhouse building.

Some of these projects may get pushed back to the closed season of 2026/27 depending on the availability of volunteers, resources and the weather but maintenance is ongoing.

Details of any deficit

No deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The cost of the new entrance gate is being donated by a Club Member.

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*OSCR will accept
digital or typed
signatures*

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Chairman

Trustee

Date

18 June 2025

18th June 2025

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Cooper Park Bowling Club Accounts Charity Number : SCO49425

Income 1st February 2024 - 31st January 2025

Membership	£1,500.00✓
Teas	£1,255.69✓
Raffles	£880.00✓
Competition entries teas & raffles	£1,965.12✓
HMRC gift aid	£1,298.27✓
Friendly	£111.00✓
Welsh Family Trust	£3,000.00✓
Visitors	£36.00✓
Elgin Lawn Tennis Club electricity	£799.23✓
Easy fundraising & donations	£313.25✓
Marmalade jam	£219.50✓
Grippio chalk stickers & books	£29.00✓
	<u>£11,407.06✓</u>

Expenditure 1st February 2024 - 31st January 2025


Competitions & Affiliations	£791.00✓
Engraving	£148.60✓
Chalk	£47.98✓
Kitchen	£750.00
Green maintenance	£2,184.55✓
Club Maintenance	£3,261.45✓
Baking	£175.19✓
Electricity	£1,541.14✓
Water	£142.18✓
Honarariums	£100.00✓
Insurance	£890.08✓
Totals	<u>£10,032.17✓</u>

Income	£11,407.06✓
Expenditure	£10,032.17✓
	<u>£1,374.89✓</u>

Bank Balance as at 10th January 2025	£13,840.33✓
Bank Balance as at 31st January 2024	£12,101.36✓
	<u>£1,738.97✓</u>

Less uncleared cheque	
Origin Amenity Chq No 11698	£364.08✓
	<u>£1,374.89✓</u>

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT I HAVE CHECKED THE BOOKS
FOR THE COOPER PARK BOWLING CLUB AND CAN CERTIFY
THEY ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND BALANCE ACCORDINGLY

 7/3/25