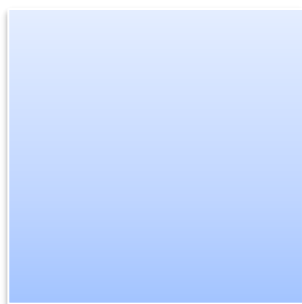
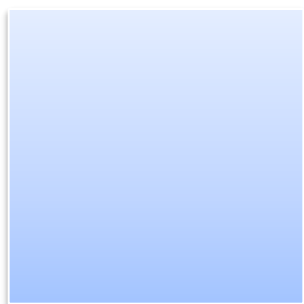
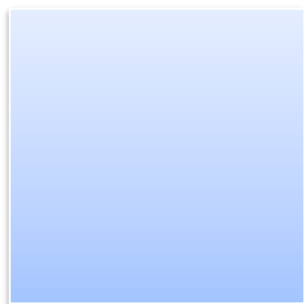


Thurso Squash, Tennis and Racketball Club

Trustees' Annual Report

Period 01/09/2024 to Period
31/08/2025



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Charity Trustees

Name all of your charity trustees for the period, and the date they left if they were not in post for the whole year

1. Donald Pollard
2. Scott Bremner
3. Stacey Le Miere
4. Andrew Bremner
5. Siobhan Pollard
6. Dougie Sinclair
7. Ryan Pollard
8. Steven Bremner
9. Alison Henderson
10. Willie Steven
11. Colin Mackay
12. Mairi Vines

Objectives and activities

The club was set up as a squash centre in the North of Scotland. It is for use of all in the community who wish to use it. It is run for the members and by the members, in a committee based capacity. The club has expanded to incorporate the tennis facility that has recently been refurbished.

Our aims are

- To provide a facility for squash, tennis, racketball and table tennis to Thurso and the surrounding area
- To provide a youth development facility through junior coaching and mentoring
- To foster a spirit of health and wellbeing in our local community
- To continue to develop links with local schools, hotels and other establishments with a view to building community racket sports

Our aims are achieved by

- Junior coaching squash sessions

Currently two of these are held on a Saturday but recently two more coaching sessions have been introduced.

- Adult coaching sessions
A club night is held on Wednesday where there is mentoring between more experienced squash players and those we are still developing their skills
A ladies specific coaching session happens once a week with level 1 qualified coaches taking these sessions
- Squash leagues
Hosted by sportyhq website, as endorsed by Squash Scotland
- Organising club, county and intercounty tournaments
Our competitions coordinator organises in the region of 8 tournaments targeting all ages, genders and abilities on the squash court

Development

- Maintenance
We are looking to refurbish the club with views to replacing the roof, recladding and improving energy efficiency
- Squash
The club has a strong squash element, but numbers are dropping so we have a drive for marketing and junior development to resolve this
- Tennis
The tennis club was encompassed around 10 years ago and numbers are low due to a lack of local coaches and general low interest from the community which is possibly weather related and possibly due to lack of marketing.
Tennis marketing is the only element we can currently develop.
- Other sports
The maintenance related improvements are going to include further racket sport development and discussions have included:
Padel court development
Badminton court development

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Our governing document is a constitution relevant to unincorporated charities the contents of which is displayed on the OSCR website.
Insert text here explaining what kind of governing document you have.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustee appointment is handled at the annual AGM where club members can propose and then second an office bearer.

Due to increasing demands, the number of trustees has increased over the last 6 years. We currently have 12 trustees. The process is entirely internal and no external organisations can appoint trustees.

Achievements and performance

Lights have been upgraded to LED.

Gate operating system has been upgraded to a key fob system on the tennis courts to align it with the squash building entry system.

5 Coaches have achieved their level 1 squash coaching

A new child welfare and protection officer has been nominated (previously this roll was held by a coach which was a conflict of interests).

Junior squash coaching sessions have increased from 2 per week to 4 per week.

Adult squash coaching sessions remain constant at 2 per week.

Junior squash players have been attending Scottish competitions hosted in Inverness for the first time in a number of years.

Secondary schools have been using the club and coaching facilities as part of their wider aim to introduce kids to local opportunities and activities.

Plans have been drawn up for 2 badminton courts and a strength and conditioning gym and a counter proposal for a padel court is currently being discussed.

A trial has been run with one local hotel enabling them access to the facility for guests. This has been successful and is going to be rolled out to other hotels locally.

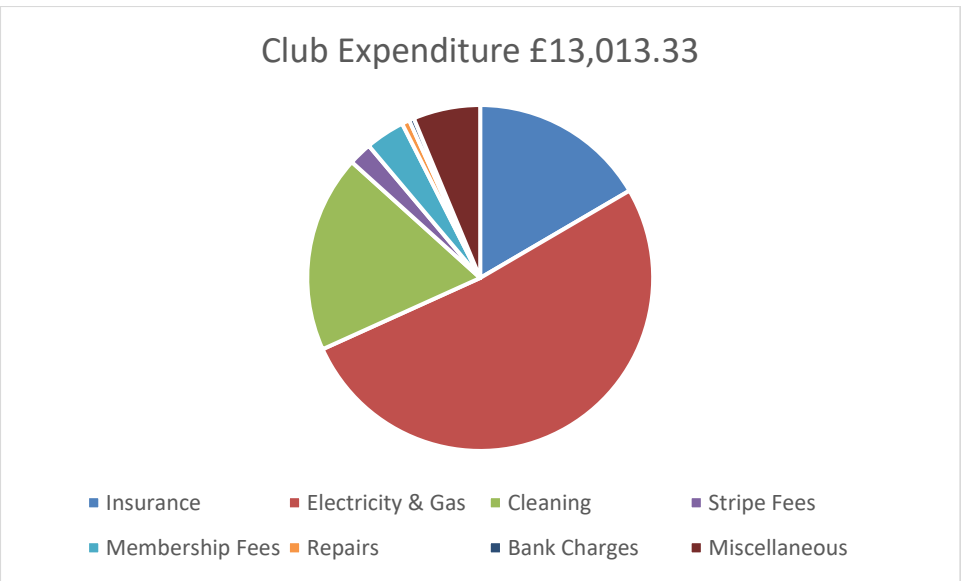
Sponsorship boards for the squash courts have been agreed with numerous businesses and the boards will be made up and mounted this year.

Junior sponsorship to the value of £1000 has been offered by a local business for kit.

A rebranding initiative has commenced to get a shorter name for the club, and a better brand identity and colour palette.

Marketing has not been tackled but has been identified as a development area after the rebranding.

Financial review



Statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

Club reserves generally increase year on year by approx. £3000 - £4000. The current balance is £42,252.39, up on last years balance by £3560,57. The club is in a financially healthy state and the general agreement from trustees is that our minimum reserve remain around £20,000 leaving some scope to be able to renovate and maintain the facility accordingly.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services

None

Future plans

Let everyone know what you have got planned for the next year.

Additional information

Got something else to say? Here is your chance!

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Print name

Designation

Date