

WARREN RECREATION GROUND

(charity no: 283037)

Chairman's Report for the year-ending 31st March 2021 –

“As chairman of the WRG Charity on behalf of all Trustees I would once again like to thank East Preston Parish Council, and in particular its Amenities Committee, for the work involved in running the Warren Recreation Ground so smoothly through the reporting year. The Warren Recreation Ground remains a much loved resource and to be much enjoyed by a range of East Preston residents, 365 days of every year. As before, I would also like to thank any resident who has contributed to the look of the Warren Recreation Ground over the year and also East Preston Cricket Club for its sizeable contribution to the grounds maintenance at the ground.

“As everyone knows, the financial year started with the country in the first National Lockdown. With government advice to stay at home, the council stood down its two Village Orderlies, weekday Steve Rolph and weekend Stephen Grover. With the children's play area closed to the public, fortunately there was less litter to pick up than usual. My thanks to the council's officers and councillors, to KEPT (the Keep East Preston Tidy) team and to any member of the public who did litter-picking during this period.

“As April turned to May and beyond, we noticed usage of the Warren Recreation Ground steadily increase as members of the public included it in their daily exercise routine.

“Throughout the year, the council's officers did their best to keep on top of an ever-changing parade of temporary signage related to the pandemic. My thanks to Cllrs Bowman, Gunston, Moore and Wilkinson for helping the Clerk early on the morning of 13th July to spruce up the children's play area ready for it to reopen that morning. There had been a small amount of public criticism on the 4th July the playground had not been reopened on that day which was the first day playgrounds could reopen, but the council had rightly put the safety of users first.

“Continuing with safety measures in the children's play area, on 22nd February, a member of the public reported his son had “slipped on the mud in front of the bench and hit his head on the bench seat, and there was a deep cut just above his eye. Due to the severity of the injury we had to go to A&E to have it glued and patched up.” The council responded quickly and a month later, the area in question had been resurfaced with rubber safety matting. After the Clerk had informed him of the scheduled date for the works, the father replied, “Thank you very much for carrying this out and updating us.”

“Another accident was on to the red Height Restriction Barrier at the entrance to the car-park on Monday, 21st October. This had occurred shortly before 5am, and had been inflicted by a driver in a small refuse truck. The damage required the re-fabrication and replacement of most of the barrier. The council claimed on its insurance for this.

“The Derek Russell bench, near the tennis court, was replaced with a recycled plastic bench.

“New safety signage was implemented along the southern boundary of the ground, advising the public of the danger of the ditch in Two Acres. Anti-litter signage bearing the *Don't Be A Tosser* message was also implemented early in the summer.

“In tree works, on the 28th May, the fig tree by the Sea Road toilet block was removed. This removal had been a long time coming and the council had tried to prolong the tree's life. However, the council could no longer ignore what it was being told by its tree inspector. Cuttings were taken from the tree and one of these has been given to Mrs Lee, whose grandfather had planted the tree in the 1920s.

“Following the refurbishment of the Sea Road Public Toilets various small bits of snagging continued to be needed throughout the year. Hopefully, there will be less snagging needed going forward.

“Despite the pandemic, the Warren Recreation Ground continues to be popular with dog walkers and youngsters using it as an open-air get-together venue. Signage at the entrances outlines appropriate usage of the area and little vandalism was experienced during the year. The outdoor gym equipment, the Fives Court and the Tennis Court were all well used when restrictions permitted. Some remedial work to the tennis court has been identified and this will be carried out during the 2021/22 year.

“In September 2020, the council again offered free-to-participate group tennis coaching sessions in conjunction with Angmering-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club. These were held on a Friday morning and were sufficiently attended to have been worthwhile. The sessions met the council's Wellbeing objective and were enjoyed by all who took part. Our thanks to the Club and to head coach, Andrew Cook in particular, for their willingness to support this initiative.

"All these areas have an annual RoSPA Inspection carried out and the Playground has an additional monthly safety check by Arun District Council and the Gym Equipment is checked and serviced monthly by the Council's Handyman.

"Before the Cricket Season starts the netting is checked by the Cricket Club and a report given back to the council. During the Cricket Season, regular reports are sent back to the Council showing any incidents occurring, including balls leaving the ground and entering neighbouring gardens.

"Our thanks to our Grounds Maintenance contractor who has worked tirelessly trying to keep on top of the rapid grass and weed growth around the Recreation Ground and along Two Acres.

"I would like to end by thanking East Preston Parish Council staff and councillors for their efforts to keep the WRG a pleasant place so it can be enjoyed by everybody. In this I also ask the users to keep the place in good order it is for your own benefit.

"Thank you."

S. P. Toney

Chairman – Cllr Steve Toney

Date: 13th September 2021



Charity Name Warren Recreation Ground	No (if any) 283037
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rental Income	452	-	-	452	440
Licence Income	65	-	-	65	63
Sales Income	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution Income	22,776	-	-	22,776	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	24,381
Other Income	-	-	-	-	11,158
Other Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23,294	-	1	23,294	36,042
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,294	-	-	23,294	36,042
A3 Payments					
Administration	7,816	-	-	7,816	7,165
Direct Expenditure	15,478	-	-	15,478	28,877
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,294	-	5	23,294	36,042
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,294	-	-	23,294	36,042
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash funds	1	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1	-	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
	Administration	Unrestricted	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		Print Name		Date of approval

**Warren Recreation Ground
Independent examiner's report to the trustees
of Warren Recreation Ground.**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out overleaf.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

R. Ian James

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Date *31st January 2022*

Statement of Declaration

I hereby declare that Touchcomp Accounts Ltd, has prepared the end of year financial accounts for the period ending 31 March 2021 as instructed by Mr S Cross clerk to East Preston Parish Council. Please be aware that reconciliations have been performed on the basis of the records provided and no audit has taken place on the presented accounts.

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Date *31st January 2022*