

Middleton Recreation Ground Trust: Report for the year ended March 31, 2022

Successive generations of residents have always taken care of and valued the 'playing field' which is owned by the Recreation Ground Trust and operated by the Parish Council. The latest financial statements for the Trust appear at the end of this report.

I am pleased to report that over the last year there have been many more bookings of the pavilion for family parties as well as continued use by community groups. We have improved the flooring in the kitchen to make it easier to keep clean and will soon be upgrading the flooring in the toilets.

The infant swings have been replaced and the Parish Council has agreed to a monthly professional inspection of the play equipment.

There is a Working Group of the Parish Council which meets occasionally to discuss management and development. It last met in November 2020 and we plan to hold the next meeting soon.

Please contact me if you wish to book the pavilion.

Julian Cusack
Chair, Recreation Ground Working Group
May 2nd, 2022

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Income and Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 March	£ 2022	£ 2021
<u>Income</u>		
100 Club (closed)	60.00	60.00
Donations from Middleton Residents and Visitors	435.00	20.00
East Suffolk Council grants (Note 2)	18,708.00	10,000.00
	19,203.00	10,080.00
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Pavilion cleaning	20.00	82.80
Pavilion maintenance	1,938.00	
Pavilion insurance	317.80	313.07
Recreation ground maintenance	276.00	1,068.00
Play equipment maintenance	125.00	0.00
Bank charges	10.00	
	2,686.80	1,463.87
<u>Surplus</u>	<u>16,516.20</u>	<u>8,616.13</u>

Balance Sheet - 31st March	£ 2022	£ 2021
Fixed assets at cost (Note 3)	3 42,258.30	42,258.30
Balance at bank	28,862.66	12,346.46
Total assets	71,120.96	54,604.76
<u>Reserves</u>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	54,604.76	45,988.63
Surplus for the period	16,516.20	8,616.13
Balance at the end of the year	71,120.96	54,604.76

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Notes to the Accounts

1. Constitution

Middleton Recreation Ground is a charitable trust, registered with the Charity Commission under number 304797. The Trust was created by a Declaration of Trust dated 16/12/1937 by Guy Hambling and 3 other individuals who at that time were the owners of the land. The terms of the declaration state that the land 'should be held in trust as public ground for the purposes of a Recreation Ground for the Inhabitants of Middleton and for no other purpose'. By a conveyance dated 16/9/1940 the land was gifted to the Parish Council with 'the intent that the Parish Council should hold the same upon and subject to the same trusts...'. The terms of the Trust were clarified by application to the Charity Commission on 25/8/2008 to the effect that the objective of the Charity is now defined as to provide 'an open space for a recreation ground with purpose-built facilities for leisure and educational activities and events'. The area of benefit was also extended to 'the Parish of Middleton cum Fordley and surrounding communities'. The Parish Council is empowered under the 1940 conveyance to 'undertake the entire care maintenance and management of the Open Space for ever pursuant to the provisions of the Open Spaces Act 1906'.

2. Covid-19 Grants

	2022	2021
	£	£
Business Grant		10,000.00
Local Restrictions Support Grant	10,708.00	
Restart Grant	8,000.00	
	<u>18,708.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>

3.Fixed assets - at cost

	2022	2021
	£	£
Pavilion	22,476.80	22,476.80
Container	1,626.00	1,626.00
Play equipment	17,970.50	17,970.50
Other - seating in car park	185.00	185.00
Total	<u>42,258.30</u>	<u>42,258.30</u>