



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date					Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year			Day	Month	Year
From		01	04	2020	To		31	03	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Fletching Recreation Ground Charity

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 305221

Charity's principal address c/o Mr J. Shaw

18 Forest Park,

Maresfield, Sussex

Postcode TN22 2NA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (The Committee of Management)

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL		30/06/20	
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	National Westminster Bank Plc	49 High Street, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1GW.
Solicitors	Dawson-Hart	The Old Grammar School, Church Street, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1BH.

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Governing Document dated 30 th June 2020 comprising Charity Commission Scheme dated 29 July 1986, a Deed of Gift dated 22 nd June 1897, a Confirmatory Conveyance dated 16 th February 1899 and a Conveyance dated 22 nd March 1948
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Fletching Parish Council is the sole charity trustee. The day-to-day running of the trust is carried out by a Committee reporting to the FPC.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	N/A

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Members of the Committee of Management is made up of members of the Fletching Parish Council and the village sports clubs. Other people may be co-opted to be members from time to time.

The Charity is a member of the Sussex County Playing Fields Association.

The Charity receives valuable support, including financial, from Fletching Parish Council and Wealden Council.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The provision and maintenance of a recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Fletching without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The provision and maintenance of an open area for all to use, with cricket, football and stoolball pitches and facilities for other sporting events, a pavilion/clubhouse and enclosed equipped children's playground.

In planning activities for the year the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit was kept in mind by the Committee of Management.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Charity is indebted to all volunteers whether it be by providing assistance with maintenance of the recreation ground, staging fund raising events or providing their time and advice generally.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year the use of the Recreation Ground was heavily curtailed due to the Covid restrictions although the cricket club and football clubs were able to play a number of games without access to the closed area of the pavilion. The stoolball club made no use of the facilities in the year. The use of the excellent children's play area was also restricted during the year.

The Committee of Management is supported by representatives from a number of different clubs and organisations especially the Fletching Parish Council and the Fletching Cricket Club.

A programme of repair and remedial work has been carried out during the year. The children's play area was extensively refurbished and updated following the annual inspection from the RoSPA inspectorate. There was a detailed inspection of the pavilion electrics which resulted in a major overhaul and updating of the electrical. The regular fire extinguisher check was also carried out. A large part of the post and rail fencing was also replaced.

A large grant was received (£ 2,000) from Wealden Council under the Covid loss of income grant rules. The Fletching Parish Council also made a grant of £ 1,479 to the trust towards the pavilion electrical repairs and to repair to the boundary fencing.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

£7,753 is held in the Unrestricted Reserve and retained as a reserve against future general expenditure.

£3,073 is held on Restricted Funds being retained for maintenance of the children's playground.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funds were received by way of grants from Wealden Council and Fletching Parish Council.

Funds were used for the general maintenance and upkeep of the pavilion including the upgrading of the electrical system and the playground as described above.

During the year cash funds were held on interest bearing accounts with National Westminster Bank Plc.

Section F	Other optional information
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The land (and buildings thereon) comprising Fletching Recreation Ground is vested in Fletching Parish Council as Custodian Trustee for all the estate therein belonging to or held in trust for the Charity. The land is current being registered with Land Registry.

Important documentation relating to the Charity is held in safekeeping by Dawson- Hart – Solicitors.

During the year the transfer of trusteeship from the previous trustees to the Fletching Parish Council successfully took place on 30th June. A management committee has been set up to manage the FRGC on a day-to-day basis and reporting into the PC . The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, to guarantee the future finance of the FRGC , and secondly, to make facilitation of development of the recreation ground and pavilion more feasible.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		