

Potterspurty Recreation Ground – The Charity
Annual Report 2024

Introduction

The charity was originally formed to supply recreation facilities for the villagers of Potterspurty, Northants. The recreation ground consists of around 0.22 ha of land on the west of Blackwell End. Entrance to the land is via the forecourt of the former local authority garages.

For many years the recreation ground contained some children’s play equipment. A recreation ground committee operated the site for a number of years, but when the cost of maintaining the area became prohibitive the committee was wound up and responsibility for the charity was transferred to the Parish Council. All parish councillors are trustees of the charity and it is registered with the Charity Commission (304236). The land is held under a conveyance dated 26 April 1967 as amended by the scheme of the 24 August 1981.

Charity Aim

PROVIDE A PLAY AREA AND ALLOTMENTS FOR THE VILLAGERS OF POTTERS PURTY

Use of Land

The land originally contained play equipment, notable a slide and a climbing frame. However, for many years the cost of maintaining safe play equipment meant that the trustees (i.e. the Parish Council) left part of the field (around 1600 m²) as an open space and the remainder (around 600 m²) is let as allotments. The Parish Council have recently provided uprated play equipment for the area via grants private donors and its own resources and this has been welcomed by local residents.

The coordinator for the allotments is Cllr. Beverly Silvester. The 12 plots are occupied by 9 allotment holders. There are 6 people on the allotment waiting list.

Financial Arrangements

The allotments are let for rent and provide the only income for the charity. Rents are reviewed annually and are similar to those charged for other local council allotments and are currently £7.50 per annum per plot.

Each year the Parish Council spends significantly more than the rental income on maintaining the land. The major cost each year is grass cutting, which is carried out under the Council’s grass cutting contract. The Parish Council donated the cost of grass cutting the area to the Charity and administer public liability insurance on behalf of the allotment holders who are recharged. In view of the costs incurred by the Parish Council in administering the Charity, it was resolved to charge an annual administration fee of £75.

The rents remain the same at £7.50 per plot per year. Insurance for 2023/24 was £163.86, divided equally £13.65 per plot paid by allotment holders.

Details of the charity and are available on <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk>. We are not obliged to provide annual accounts to the Charity Commission because the expenditure is less than £25,000.

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Financial Statement

Balance at 01/04/2023	£687.86
Receipts	£246.30
Admin Fee 2023/24 to Potterspurty PC	(£75.00)
Insurance 22/23	(£163.86)
Balance 31/03/2024	£695.30

Insurance for 2023/24 is £170.65 and was paid on 02/04/2024. Divided between 12 plots this makes a fee of £14.22 per plot.

Dr C S Parkin,
Chair of Potterspurty Parish Council

Jane Spence
Clerk & RFO

June 2024