

Bob Carter Leisure Centre

Chairman's Report for 2020

The Covid 19 pandemic strongly impacted the operation of the Centre with enforced lockdowns during the year (18th March to 2nd July and 5th November to date) Consequently, over the year the activities of the trustees have centred primarily around preserving the financial security of the charity.

Maximum use was made of the various grants and support made available by the Government including use of the furlough system for most staff. Furthermore, credit should be given to the considerable flexibility shown by those working limited hours, Mr Ron Halliday (Centre Manager) and Mr Adam Collins (Assistant Manager) for their efforts and commitment throughout what proved to be a difficult period. This was particularly relevant during the immediate period leading up to the re-opening in July and beyond to establish and maintain a Covid 19 free environment.

At the time of writing, accounts for the year are not finalised but indications are that the charity lost in the region of £13,000 in the year but with further reduction in costs introduced since the beginning of this year and securing various grants we hope most of this loss can be extinguished during this year, subject to the restoration of normality.

There is confidence that full recovery should be achieved bearing in mind that within 2 months of reopening last year usage reached more than 70% of pre-pandemic rates at a time when many people, particularly the elderly, were cautious of leaving home on account of the prevailing Covid rate.

It was not possible to stage an AGM for 2020 but this year's event is to take place on Wednesday 23rd June.

Jeff Anderson

Chairman

12th April 2021