



Apply to register a charity

Organisation names

Main name

MUSWELL HILL BOWLS CLUB

Other name or acronym

Application number

5282394

Submission date

30/04/2026

Special circumstances

Lawn Bowling is a seasonal (summer) activity that takes place between late April and late September, with Annual Membership Subscriptions applying for the year from 1st May. A registration as a CIO before the end of May 2026 would enable the CIO to collect membership subscriptions for the 2026 season.

An unsuccessful application, no.5243079 to register Muswell Hill Bowls Club as a CIO was made by Mr Nick Hughes, the then Club Secretary, on behalf of the Club on 6 July 2024. While the Club was disappointed by the letter ref JD/5243079/RTN from Mrs J Dahl on 18th September 2024 advising the negative result of the application, it is grateful for her guidance and advice therein.

The Club is now submitting a new application addressing each point raised in the rejection letter, in particular with respect to operation of the bar and non-charitable activities by the non-charitable Limited Company, the elimination of the non-playing social membership category, the revision of the objects of the charity, the elimination of non-charitable activities from the charity, and the concern that the Club could not operate as a charity from the date of its registration.

While the proposed organisation, essentially a charity with a commercial subsidiary is not unusual, Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited has existed as a limited company for over 100 years, and there is no process for a company limited by shares to convert directly to a charitable status. This application is based on the CIO being approved by the Charity Commission, and then a controlling interest in the issued share capital of MHBC Ltd, together with the exclusive right to operate Muswell Hills Bowls Club including the sale of memberships and the use of the premises all being transferred to the CIO.

To ensure that Muswell Hill Bowls Club can operate as a charity from the day of its registration, the shareholders of the Company have passed essential resolutions conditional on the CIO being registered, including a binding obligation on MHBC Ltd to grant the CIO full control over the use of the bowling green, the bowling club and the premises, and the shareholders have committed to transfer a controlling interest in the shares of MHBC Ltd to the CIO.

The freehold of the club premises at Kings Avenue, London, N10 3PB (Land Registry title AGL 158467) is currently held by MHBC Ltd. No direct transfer of the freehold to the CIO is proposed at this application stage. By acquiring a controlling interest in the share capital of MHBC Ltd, the CIO will obtain indirect ownership and control of those premises through its subsidiary. The CIO will additionally hold an exclusive licence from MHBC Ltd to use and occupy the premises for its charitable purposes, the grant of which forms part of the binding obligations referred to above. The Trustees consider that this structure - in which the CIO controls the premises through both share ownership of the freeholder and a direct licence to occupy - gives the charity sound and durable security of its operational base.

If we decide to register the organisation some of the information you have given in this form will be made publicly available in accordance with section 38(1) of the Charities Act 2011. We have marked on the online form which fields we will make public.

This form shows the information you have entered through the apply to register a charity service.

Your contact for this application

Your current contact is an

Individual

Role

Trustee

Name

Mr Andrew Farrell

Telephone number

07912774681

Email address

andrew_farrell@msn.com

Governing document

A governing document sets out a charity's rules; it's the key legal document that says what it is and how it will be run. Different charities have different governing documents.

If you are applying to register a CIO, please read this guidance about your governing document. You need to make any changes needed before uploading your constitution.

Select the organisation's governing document type:

CIO Association Constitution

Has the governing document been issued by an organisation or umbrella body (often referred to as an approved governing document)?

No

MHBCCConstitutionMarch2026.pdf

Replacement

Are you replacing an existing registered charity?

No

Charity name

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

The organisation's name:

MUSWELL HILL BOWLS CLUB

Is the organisation known by any other names?

No

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Do any of the organisation's names contain acronyms, initials, made-up or non-English language words?

No

Structure and purposes

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Organisation's governing document:

CIO Association Constitution

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Enter the organisation's purposes (also known as 'objects') exactly as they are written in its governing document.

The object of the CIO is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Muswell Hill, London and the surrounding area of the London Borough of Haringey by the provision of facilities for playing lawn bowls.

Classification: What

Every charity on the Register of Charities has a classification. This is so that potential donors, beneficiaries and others who search the register can find types of charities they are interested in.

Our charity classification uses four headings. These describe WHAT a charity is set up to achieve, HOW it achieves it, WHO it helps and WHERE it operates.

Choose classifications that reflect your charity's purposes and how you currently achieve them.

What is the organisation set up to achieve? (select all that apply)

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Relief of those in need (age, disability, ill-health, financial or other disadvantage)

Amateur sport

Sport or game involving low or no physical activity

Classification: How

How does the organisation achieve it? (select all that apply)

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Provides buildings/facilities/open space

Provides services

Other

Please specify

Promotion of the physical and mental health benefits of Lawn Bowling to encourage local inhabitants to participate in healthy outdoor exercise

Relief of those in need

Amateur sport

Amateur sports club

Opportunity to play sport

Classification: Who

Who does the organisation help? (select all that apply)

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Elderly/ Old people

People with disabilities

People living in a specified geographical area

Relief of those in need

Amateur sport

Where

Where does the organisation operate? (select all that apply)

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Specific areas in England & Wales

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Does the organisation operate in England?

Yes

London

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Areas in London?

Specific areas

Haringey

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Does the organisation operate in Wales?

No

Amateur sports

Please note that if the organisation is already registered with HM Revenue & Customs as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) it cannot be registered as a charity. If this organisation will replace a CASC currently registered with HMRC please explain that in this application. The guidance explains more about this.

Which amateur sport or sports does your organisation promote?

Lawn Bowls

Does the sport or game involve physical skill or exertion

Yes

What is the physical skill or exertion involved?

Lawn bowls involves long-duration moderate physical activity, including walking, bending and stretching while delivering the bowl. It normally requires a degree of ability to balance while stationary, and a level of visual/motor or hand/eye coordination. Aids are provided to enable persons who use wheelchairs, or who have stability, mobility or sight difficulties, to participate.

How does that promote health?

The physical activity promotes cardiovascular health, flexibility, maintenance of muscle strength and balance, promoting overall physical well being in people of all ages. It is particularly helpful for improving balance and maintaining bone strength and muscle mass in older people, helping to prevent falls, the principal cause of fractures in older people. As a low impact sport it is also particularly helpful to enable people recovering from injury or treatment (e.g. for knee or hip replacement), or suffering frailty to participate in sport in a safe setting when they are temporarily unable or no longer able to participate in higher impact sports, such as tennis or running.

Does the sport or game involve mental skill or exertion?

Yes

What is the mental skill or exertion involved?

Lawn Bowls involves strategic thinking and problem solving to plan shots effectively and to anticipate other players' likely shots. It requires the ability to maintain focus and concentration throughout a long game - typically up to two hours. It also requires team work, coordination and good communication when played in pairs or triples.

How does that promote health?

Lawn bowling provides an inclusive, non-judgemental and supportive environment where people can develop their confidence and self-esteem whether they are experts or complete beginners. For many older players, people who have retired, or those who have suffered injury, illness or bereavement, it provides a friendly setting that helps provide a purpose in life and prevents loneliness. For people of all ages, it provides an opportunity to enjoy sport and excel without requiring exceptional fitness, strength or agility.

How does the amateur sports club operate?

The charity members appoint Trustees. The Trustees establish a management committee, which includes the Trustees and other volunteers (e.g., President, Captain, Treasurer, Club Secretary, Groundskeeper, Communications and Web-Site Manager) to manage the club on a day to day basis. The season for outdoor lawn bowls runs from April to September, and during this time full playing members can play at any time, subject to weather, daylight and rink availability. They can invite non-member guests on a "pay as you play" basis. The club organises internal competitions and participates in local, regional and national competitions. The club has "club nights" on Tuesdays and Fridays. Non-members can play free of charge on open days and can play on a "pay as you play" basis in weekly open sessions. Non-members playing at the Club in intra-club or regional competitions do not pay a fee to play at the club.

What facilities are available at the club?

The Club provides a green with six "rinks", a clubhouse/pavilion, changing facilities, equipment storage, spectator areas. Coaching is provided free of charge for members of all abilities. There is a kitchen and bar in the clubhouse that provides refreshments and is also used for fundraising purposes. The bar is not operated by the CIO: it is operated by a separate company.

What are the membership requirements of the club?

Anybody who subscribes to its objects can join the club. Members currently pay an annual fee that varies from £30 for "under 25" membership, to £50 for Associate Membership, £100 for introductory Full membership and £180 for continuing Full membership. There are no requirements for nomination by existing members. Only continuing Full playing members are voting members of the CIO. Members normally contribute to the Club by voluntarily giving their time to keep operating, maintenance and administration costs low, and thereby to ensure membership subscriptions are affordable. All categories of membership require active participation in the sport of lawn bowls. The Club does not offer social-only membership.

How can new members join?

New members are encouraged to visit the Club on an open day or during a weekly open session to understand what is available to them and the benefits of membership. Alternatively they can arrange a visit via the membership secretary. If they decide to join, they fill in a membership form and pay the relevant fee. The number of full playing members is limited to 100 by the capacity of the green and of the clubhouse. If this capacity was ever reached, the next available membership would be offered to the next applicant, whatever their ability, with preference given to those living in Muswell Hill and surrounding areas.

What level of skill or ability is required to play sport/game?

No prior experience or particular skill or ability is required to play Lawn Bowls. Beginners receive coaching from other club members at no charge. Lawn bowls is played at every level (except Olympic) from World Championships and Commonwealth Games to National, Regional, Local Inter-Club and Intra-Club level, with a range of skill levels required. Unusually absolute beginners can enjoy lawn bowls after a brief introduction. The club welcomes people of all abilities. People who are partially sighted, or who use wheelchairs can play, and the Club has equipment to enable wheelchairs to access the bowling green safely. Most members play in external competitions and/or internal competitions within the Club: some play "friendly" games only.

Is specialist equipment required to play sport/game?

Yes

What equipment is required and how is it provided?

Playing Lawn Bowls requires a Bowling Green, which requires specialist equipment to maintain it. Players require access to lawn bowls, jacks, scoreboards, measurers, mats, and in some cases, aids to adjust for disabilities. All members have access to the required equipment without additional charge, though most continuing full playing members acquire their own bowls in which case storage lockers are made available without additional charge. The only equipment people playing at the Club must provide for themselves is appropriate flat soled shoes, typically trainers.

Carrying out the purpose

The organisation's purposes are:

The object of the CIO is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Muswell Hill, London and the surrounding area of the London Borough of Haringey by the provision of facilities for playing lawn bowls.

Explain how the organisation carries out its purposes:

The organisation maintains a bowling green with six rinks and associated facilities, including changing room, equipment store, clubhouse/pavilion. It promotes lawn bowls through open days and local advertising. It participates in local and regional competitions, it organises competitions for club members, operates pay and play sessions for non-members, and facilitates friendly matches between members. It organises coaching sessions for members of all abilities. All members contribute their services - from grounds maintenance, to organising fundraising activities, to professional administration - on a voluntary basis.

Attach any document (such as a business plan) which sets out how the organisation carries out its purposes:

What are the benefits of the organisation's purposes?

The Charity provides benefit to the section of public it serves through encouraging and facilitating participation in amateur sport. The physical and mental health benefits of participation are as set out above.

Hitherto bowling facilities and services have been provided by a private limited company, Muswell Hill Bowling Club(The) Limited. The company's shareholders now wish to establish of the Muswell Hill Bowling Club as a Charity (CIO) to ensure that the grounds and clubhouse are available for their current use for Lawn Bowling for future generations, and to eliminate the risk of the land being sold for development.

There are substantial altruistic and public benefit elements in the proposed establishment of a CIO. First, the shareholders are foregoing the opportunity for personal gain through sale of the land. Secondly, it will enable bowling activities to be promoted to local public and not limited to club members. Thirdly, it will ensure any surpluses that are earned will be reinvested in the Club's charitable activities.

Finally, by retaining the company to carry out non-charitable activities (operation of the bar and commercial hire of the clubhouse) any profits generated therefrom can be gift- aided to the charity to further its objects.

Attach any document which shows how the organisation provides benefit:

Who can benefit from the organisation's purposes?

Specific section of the public

Select one or more group that can benefit from the organisation's purposes:

People living in a particular geographical area

Members of the organisation

Explain who can benefit and why the organisation's purposes aim to benefit them:

People living in Muswell Hill and surrounding areas can benefit. The principal source of funds for running the Club is membership subscriptions, and the club depends entirely on volunteers for the organisation of bowling and for other activities required to enable the club to achieve its objectives (e.g., green and grounds maintenance, trustee duties, organising matches, coaching, marking (judging), providing refreshments, gardening, providing transport to away matches). While adults of all ages can and do benefit from lawn bowling, older people benefit particularly because of the need to maintain health in older age.

Carrying out the purpose for the public benefit

What criteria do the trustees use to decide who the organisation benefits or what work it does or supports?

The trustees decisions on who the organisation benefits are determined by its objects and the constraints of geography. The beneficiaries are those who participate, or encourage and support participation in, the sport of lawn bowling, without discrimination based on ability. The capacity of the bowling green and the associated facilities are limited and in practice almost all members live in Muswell Hill or nearby surrounding areas.

One of the Trustees has held senior positions (CFO, Director of Resources, Trustee, Chair of Audit Committee, independent member of Audit Committee) in seven charities, five with commercial subsidiaries, and supports guidance to all Trustees to act in accordance with, inter alia, CC3 - The Essential Trustee, CC27 - Decision Making for Trustees

Attach any document which explains how these decisions are made:

Grant making

Is the organisation a grant maker?

No

Membership

Do people or organisations have to be members of the organisation to benefit from its purpose?

No

Providing services or facilities

Does the organisation provide public facilities or services as a way of carrying out its purpose?

No

Fees and charges

Does the organisation charge people to be a member or to access its services or facilities?

Yes

What services or facilities does the organisation charge for and how much does it charge?

Members can access all facilities and services of the club for their membership fee. Non-members can participate in Lawn Bowling at the club on open days (no fee) and at weekly open sessions (first session free, subsequent sessions £5.) Bowling events are organised for other organisations (including the Haringey Local Authority, the Royal Opera House, the Wave Charity) where fees are paid by the organisation rather than the individual. There is no charge for the use of the Club's equipment. The club's promotional and competitive activities include hosting regional competitions and inter club competitions, where most of the participants are not club members. Annual membership fees for 2026 season vary from £30 (Junior) or £50 (Associate), £100 (introductory) to £180 (Full Playing Member). Coaching is provided free of charge to participants regardless of their ability.

Do the trustees consider the charges to be more than the poor can afford?

No

How have you reached this view?

Activities are available without charge on Open Days, and (non-member) single pay and play sessions are £5. Membership fees are set at the minimum level required to cover the expenses of operating the club. There are no charges for use of the Club's equipment, and no requirement for players to purchase any special clothing or equipment. Fees are kept low at £30pa for Junior (under 25) members and at £50 for Associate member occasional bowlers. The most expensive full playing continuing membership is £180pa. The fees are in line with or lower than for other local bowling clubs.

Property

Does the organisation have use of land or property?

Yes

Does the organisation own the land or property?

No

Does the organisation use premises owned by a trustee or someone related to a trustee?

No

Who owns the land or Property?

Muswell Hill Bowling Club(The) Limited, Company No: 00154781, owns the property. This company will become a subsidiary of Muswell Hills Bowls Club, which will be its parent company, upon the successful registration Muswell Hill Bowls Club as a CIO. Further details of the agreement regarding the Property are set out immediately below.

Provide full details of the agreements that are in place regarding the organisation's use of the land or property:

The Directors of Muswell Hill Bowling Club(The) Limited (MHBC Ltd) have been authorised by shareholder resolution to enter into an agreement assigning beneficial ownership of the club premises (the bowling green, clubhouse, changing room, equipment store, ancillary buildings, entrance driveway) to the CIO, conditional on registration. MHBC Ltd will retain legal title pending formal transfer, holding the property on trust for the CIO. Pending completion of that formal transfer of legal title, the CIO will be entitled to occupy the premises under a licence at a nominal rent of £10 per annum. The CIO's beneficial interest will be protected by a restriction registered against the title at HM Land Registry.

What is the land or property used for?

The bowling green, equipment store and workshop, changing rooms are used exclusively for lawn bowling. The pavilion/clubhouse is used by the CIO for bowling activities (spectating, refreshments) and occasional fund-raising activities. The clubhouse incorporates a bar which is operated by Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited, who also generate income by hiring it to other local organisations and by organising fundraising events.

Will any land or property used by the organisation benefit from Business Rate relief?

Yes

Please give more details.

Small Business Rate Relief and Transitional Relief have already been granted to the property

Contact for this application

Who is the main contact for this application?

In what capacity are you submitting the application? (select one)

Trustee

Is the contact for this application an individual or an organisation?

Individual

Title**Given names (First name(s))****Family name (Last name)****Suffix (e.g. M.A.)****Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)****Organisation contact - Commission use only**

Please enter details of the charity contact the Commission can use to get in touch with the charity. The charity contact must be a named individual rather than an organisation.

Position in the organisation**Title****Given names (First name(s))****Family name (Last name)****Suffix (e.g. M.A.)****Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)**

Address line 1

63 MUSWELL AVENUE

Address line 2

LONDON

Postcode

N10 2EH

Telephone number

07912774681

Email address

andrew_farrell@msn.com

Organisation details

Please enter the organisation's public contact details

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Address line 1

Muswell Hill Bowls Club

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Address line 2

Kings Avenue

Muswell Hill

London

N10 1PB

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Postcode

N10 1PB

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Organisation website

MuswellHillBowlsClub.co.uk

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Organisation Telephone number

07550023586

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Organisation email address

membership@muswellhillbowlsclub.co.uk

Does the organisation operate from this address?

Yes

Other regulators

Are you registered with any of the following regulators? (select all that apply)

Do you have a gift aid number from HMRC?

No

Income and bank details

Please attach the organisation's latest accounts

Estimated gross annual income

£18,000

Year to date income

£0

Does the organisation have a bank account?

No

Funding

This information will be made publicly available on the Charity Register.

Next financial year end date (dd/mm/yyyy)

30/09/2026

Please explain how the organisation is or will be funded in the future (select all that apply)
See guidance

Legacies

Please tell us what procedures the trustees have put in place to identify and verify the donors and consider any conditions attached to any donations? See guidance.

The Trustees seek to encourage legacies from members or relatives of former members. It is envisaged that these will be usually in the form of funding memorial benches with plaques. In the event of any other proposed legacy donation the donor and any proposed conditions will be reviewed by the Trustee Board, utilising the Charity Commission's "Know your Donor" tool and the donation will be rejected where there is any concern with compliance.

Other trading activities

Please give more details

In accordance with the Charity Commission's advice contained in its letter ref. JD/5243079/RTN dated 18 September 2024, the Club intends to retain the existing non-charitable company, Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited, to carry out all non-charitable activities at the club's location, principally the commercial hire of the clubhouse and the operation of the bar. The Company will remit funds to the charity by means of Gift Aid donation of its distributable profits to the CIO. The Company may claim Corporation Tax relief on qualifying gift aid donations.

Grants

Please advise who is providing the grants

The Club will seek donations from members, from local authorities funds, from sporting bodies (such as Bowls England) and from other bodies who give grants for purposes supporting the bowls club's objects, e.g., for improving access for persons with disabilities.

Charging for services

Please give more details

The Muswell Hill Bowls Club charges for membership, and arranges bowling events that are charged for on a case by case basis.

Corporate donors

Please advise who the donor is

The club will seek corporate donations from local small businesses, and exceptionally from larger corporations where there are connections with members where they provide grants for organisations with objects as amateur sports clubs and for lawn bowling. There are no current corporate donors.

Other than Public Donations that are eligible for Gift Aid, do the trustees intend that the proposed charity will take part in any other arrangement which might reduce the amount of tax payable by any other person?

Yes

Please give more details

It is intended that the proposed charity will benefit from gift-aid donations from The Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited, who will operate the bar and commercial hire of premises when not in use for bowling.

Is it intended that the organisation will hold any funds or assets in overseas investment companies or trusts?

No

Employment

Does or is it likely the organisation will employ:

- a trustee
- its founder
- a person related to a trustee
- a person related to the founder
- an organisation connected to a trustee
- an organisation connected to the founder

No

Goods or services

Does or is it likely the organisation will buy goods or services from:

- a trustee
- its founder
- a person related to a trustee
- a person related to the founder
- an organisation connected to a trustee
- an organisation connected to the founder

No

Other personal benefits

Are there any close links which the organisation has, or is likely to have, with any other person or body, which might be relevant to the work of the organisation?

This would include:

- Any contract or relationship with a value which represents a significant proportion of the organisation's income or expenditure;
- Any directorship, trusteeship, shareholding, membership interest or partnership held by the organisation or by any of the trustees;
- Any position of political or public authority held by any of the trustees;
- Any other arrangement or circumstance which might give rise to a conflict of interest for one or more of the trustees.

Yes

Please enter their details in the table below.

Name	Personal benefit provided	Relationship
Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited	The Trustees of the CIO include Directors of Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited. None of the Directors of Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited receive remuneration or other personal benefits in return for their services, which are given voluntarily to help raise funds to support Muswell Hill Bowls Club.	Organisation connected to a trustee

Connections

Is the organisation linked to, or has it been established by a non-charitable organisation?

Yes

What connections will exist between the work of the non-charitable organisation and the organisation applying to register as a charity?

The charity will operate the activities of the lawn bowls club. It will become the parent company of Muswell Hill Bowling Club(The) Limited. The company will operate non-charitable activities, principally the clubhouse bar and income generation through commercial hire of the clubhouse premises.

How will the work of each be complementary?

The charity will operate the charitable activities, ie, lawn bowling as set out in its purposes. The company will generate income to support the charity by managing the clubhouse licensed bar and organising hire of clubhouse facilities.

How will the work of the two bodies be separated and distinguished?

Each body will have its own constitution and board (Trustees at charity, Directors at Company). Separate accounts will be maintained and filed respectively at Charities Commission and Companies House. The Charity Constitution requires the charity to have at least one independent Trustee, ie, a Trustee who is not a Director of Muswell Hill Bowling Club(The) Limited.

How will the independence of the charity be maintained?

The Constitution contains an additional provision (12,3 c) to ensure that there is at least one independent Trustee, ie, person who is not a Director of the Company. Subject to approval of the application to register as a CIO, the Company's Articles will be updated to include a reciprocal requirement that at least one of the Directors will not be a Trustee of the Charity. Subject to approval of this application by the Charity Commission, a separate bank account will be established for the Charity. Separate bank accounts, separate financial and other records will be maintained for the Charity and the Company.

Attach any additional information that explains this connection:

Managing risks

Does the organisation work with children or vulnerable people?

No

Trustee numbers

How many trustees does the organisation currently have? (total)

5

What is the minimum number of trustees the organisation's governing document says it must have?

3

Are there any special circumstances for the organisation that require all the names of the trustees to be kept off the public register (please see guidance for examples)?

No

Trustees

Add details for each trustee separately

Trustee details

Fields prefixed with * will be made publicly available on the Charity Register

Individual Trustee

Title: Mr

Specify title:

* Given names (First name(s)): Andrew

* Family name (Last name): Farrell

Suffix (e.g. M.A.): MA, MBA, FCMA, FCT, CGMA

* Trustee is a chair: F

Is this trustee a trustee of another registered charity? No

Individual Trustee

Title: Mr

Specify title:

* Given names (First name(s)): Guy

* Family name (Last name): Barker

Suffix (e.g. M.A.):

* Trustee is a chair: F

Is this trustee a trustee of another registered charity? No

Individual Trustee

Title: Mr

Specify title:

* Given names (First name(s)): Robert Michael

* Family name (Last name): Richards

Suffix (e.g. M.A.):

* Trustee is a chair: F

Is this trustee a trustee of another registered charity? No

Individual Trustee

Title: Mr

Specify title:

* Given names (First name(s)): Toby

* Family name (Last name): Johnson

Suffix (e.g. M.A.):

* Trustee is a chair: F

Is this trustee a trustee of another registered charity? No

Trustee details

Individual Trustee

Title: Mr

Specify title:

* Given names (First name(s)): John

* Family name (Last name): Ellis

Suffix (e.g. M.A.):

* Trustee is a chair: T

Is this trustee a trustee of another registered charity? No

Please add the correct number of trustees to the table and make sure all entries are complete.

Attach your completed and signed trustee declaration. If you do not have one you can print a completed one here and get the trustees to sign it.

TrusteeEligibilityDeclaration.pdf

You need to confirm that the details provided in this section are correct

I confirm that all details provided in this section are correct

Attached documents

1. **Governing Document**
2. **Trustee Declaration**

Data protection

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rules on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or
- we regard disclosure as necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;**
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;**
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes**

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you. We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act 2018/GDPR.

The Data Protection Act 2018/GDPR regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals. As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it.

You can view our full privacy notice detailing how we process your personal data as part of the charity registration process at www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-a-charity-privacy-notice

Declaration

Do you want to attach any supplementary documentation?

No

Is there any additional information that the Charity Commission should take into account?

Yes

Please provide any additional information here:

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The Club is now submitting a new application addressing each point raised in the rejection letter, in particular with respect to operation of the bar and non-charitable activities by the non-charitable Limited Company, the elimination of the non-playing social membership category, the revision of the objects of the charity, the elimination of non-charitable activities from the charity, and the concern that the Club could not operate as a charity from the date of its registration.

While the proposed organisation, essentially a charity with a commercial subsidiary is not unusual, Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited has existed as a limited company for over 100 years, and there is no process for a company limited by shares to convert directly to a charitable status. This application is based on the CIO being approved by the Charity Commission, and then a controlling interest in the issued share capital of MHBC Ltd, together with the exclusive right to operate Muswell Hills Bowls Club including the sale of memberships and the use of the premises all being transferred to the CIO.

To ensure that Muswell Hill Bowls Club can operate as a charity from the day of its registration, the shareholders of the Company have passed essential resolutions conditional on the CIO being registered, including a binding obligation on MHBC Ltd to grant the CIO full control over the use of the bowling green, the bowling club and the premises, and the shareholders have committed to transfer a controlling interest in the shares of MHBC Ltd to the CIO.

The freehold of the club premises at Kings Avenue, London, N10 3PB (Land Registry title AGL 158467) is currently held by MHBC Ltd. No direct transfer of the freehold to the CIO is proposed at this application stage. By acquiring a controlling interest in the share capital of MHBC Ltd, the CIO will obtain indirect ownership and control of those premises through its subsidiary. The CIO will additionally hold an exclusive licence from MHBC Ltd to use and occupy the premises for its charitable purposes, the grant of which forms part of the binding obligations referred to above. The Trustees consider that this structure - in which the CIO controls the premises through both share ownership of the freeholder and a direct licence to occupy - gives the charity sound and durable security of its operational base.

Submitting your application for charity registration

I certify that:

- all information provided has been checked by the trustees and is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge
- all trustees agree to this submission and have read and accept the commission's privacy notice

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