

# BROOKLANDS

Brooklands Sports Club



## Annual Report March 2011

**Registered Office:**  
The Pavilion  
Georges Road, Sale, M33 3NL

Company No. 254098

**BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS  
AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED** (the “Club”)

Notice is hereby given that the 81st Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at Brooklands Sports Club, Georges Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 3NL on 23rd March 2011 at 8 pm for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions one of which will be proposed as a special resolution.

**AGENDA**

1. To receive and confirm the minutes of the 80th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 24th March 2010.
2. To receive and if thought fit adopt the report of the Directors and the accounts for 2010.
3. To elect a President, Vice-Presidents, Officers, Life Members and Directors and appoint the Reporting Accountants for 2011.
4. To set the Members’ subscriptions for 2011. These are proposed by the Board under Articles 9.10 to 9.13 of the Company and are shown on Page 3 of the Notice of Meeting.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

5. That the Club adopt new articles of association (the form of such articles of association having been made available to members on the Club’s website ([www.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk](http://www.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk)), in substitution for and to the complete exclusion of the existing articles of association of the Club. (please see the notes and summary of the proposed amendments on Page 2 of the Notice of Meeting).

By Order of the Council

P. A. Vickers  
Honorary Secretary

Registered office:  
Brooklands Sports Club  
Georges Road  
Sale  
Cheshire  
M33 3NL

Dated 1st February 2011

## **NOTES**

1. Persons who are not members of the Club will not be admitted to the Meeting unless prior arrangements are made with the Club.
2. Members who have general queries about the Meeting should correspond by e-mail with P. A. Vickers, the Honorary Secretary at peter.vickers1@btinternet.com (no other methods of communication will be accepted).
3. Copies of the form of articles of association to be adopted by the Club are available on the Club's website ([www.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk](http://www.brooklandssportsclub.co.uk)), on the notice boards at the Club's premises and in hard copy by application to P. A. Vickers, the Honorary Secretary (see e-mail address above).
4. Members who have queries about the form of articles of association to be adopted by the Club should correspond by e-mail with P. A. Vickers by e-mail (see e-mail address above), who will liaise with the Club's solicitors to provide a response by e-mail.

## **NOTES ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

The Club intends to make four amendments to its Articles of Association ("Articles") in order to comply with the requirements of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs ("HMRC") and in order to attain and retain Community Amateur Sports Club ("CASC") status. CASC status offers the Club significant advantages in terms of minimising the level of tax it is required to pay to HMRC.

Although the amendments are relatively minor in nature, the Club considers that it is simpler to replace its existing Articles with new Articles containing the amendments. A summary of the proposed changes is set out below for ease of reference.

1. In Article 4.1 the words "provide facilities for," shall be inserted before the words "promote and practice."
2. The following words shall be inserted at the end of Article 9.2:  
"The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to a separate appeals panel, containing none of the persons involved in the original decision, and decided by a majority vote."
3. The following words shall be inserted at the end of Article 9.15:  
"Appeal against such a decision may be made to a separate appeals panel (such panel having been created by the Board pursuant to Article 8.4 and consisting of such three members of the Board as the Board deems fit but containing none of the persons involved in the original decision), and decided by a majority vote. The appeals panel shall have the power to affirm the decision of the Disciplinary Committee or to remit the decision to the Disciplinary Committee for reconsideration. The decision of the appeals panel in this regard shall be final."
4. The words "Club's governing body" in Article 16.3.3 shall be deleted and replaced with the words "sport's governing bodies".

## Proposals for Subscriptions 2011

	Non Playing	Bowls only	All or any other sports
<b>Single</b> (19 and over)	£41	£81	£180
<b>Couples each partner</b>	£31	£71	£180
<b>Senior Citizens</b> (aged 65 or over)	£24	£46	£46
<b>Students</b> (aged 18)	£31	£59	£67
<b>Ex Wardens</b>	£6	£23	£142

<b>Casual Team Players</b>	<b>£50 up to 4 matches per year.</b>
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### Notes on Subscriptions.

1. This resolution if approved will be taken as a request for payment. Any resignations must be submitted in writing to reach the Membership Secretary by 14th April 2011.
2. Subscriptions for playing members of the Cricket Section, the Bowls Section, the Lawn Tennis Section and non-playing members are due on May 1st. (Members who pay by direct debit will have payments taken on the 1st May and the 1st October).
3. Subscriptions for playing members of the Squash Section, the Lacrosse Section and the Hockey Section are due on the 1st October. (Members who pay by direct debit will have payments taken on the 1st October and the 1st May).
4. Part season reductions will be made as applicable for new members.
5. Couples who pay annual subscriptions of at least £360 may enrol their children free of charge.
6. Corporate Membership will be considered upon application to the Club.
7. Cheques must be made payable to Brooklands Sports Club.

# NOMINATIONS FOR 2011

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

<b>President:</b>	D. Alcock
<b>Chairman:</b>	To be announced
<b>Treasurer:</b>	C. H. Moore, A.C.A.
<b>General Secretary:</b>	P. A. Vickers
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	A. J. Batty
<b>Ground Secretary:</b>	N. W. Hewitt
<b>Other Directors:</b>	I. C. Johnston, D. J. Chandler
<b>Reporting Accountants:</b>	HW Chartered Accountants

### Vice-Presidents:

J. K. Brown	G. Buchan	J. Chandler
D. J. E. Garnett	W. M. Harvey	N. W. Hewitt
K. Holt	D. Hulmes	D. Kettlewell
P. J. Loftus	J. N. Marland	J. D. Marsden
B. McBurney	N. A. McKinna	D. Meek
C. H. Moore	H. V. Morris	P. Simpson
	R. Summers	

## PLAYING COMMITTEE

<b>Chairman:</b>	To be announced
<b>Hockey:</b>	P. Simpson
<b>Cricket:</b>	J. N. Marland
<b>Ladies Hockey:</b>	Ms L. Hargreaves
<b>Lacrosse:</b>	R. Stead
<b>Tennis:</b>	D. Kellett
<b>Squash:</b>	S. Coldrick
<b>Bowls:</b>	I. Thompson
<b>Junior Football:</b>	J. Brown

**MINUTES OF THE 80th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LTD.  
HELD IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM AT THE CLUB  
on WEDNESDAY 24th MARCH 2010 at 8pm**

**Present:** President: D Alcock Chairman: N W Hewitt  
Hon. Treasurer: C H Moore Hon. Membership Secretary: A J Batty  
Hon. Secretary: P A Vickers and 26 other members.

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the members in attendance.

Apologies were received from: J Marland, Mrs E Marland, D J E Garnett, Mrs E Garnett, W Harvey, P Whyley, R Ogle, D Shelmerdine, R Hildage, Mrs S Binks.

A number of members' deaths were announced during the year. A minutes silence was observed in their memory.

The minutes of the 79th Annual General Meeting had been circulated in the handbook and were taken as read. Approval of the minutes was proposed by D Alcock and seconded by P A Vickers. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **President's Report**

The President paid tribute to the unique facility that we have at Brooklands Sports Club and said it was comparable to the best Universities. It was a credit to all the Members who gave freely of their time to make the Club so successful. He also thanked all the members of the F & M Committee now the Board who assisted in the management of the Club.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr C H Moore, presented the accounts for the year and referred the Meeting to his report. The problem was always one of balancing income and expenditure. This year had produced a trading loss due to increased expenditure on the ground and the sporting sections. It was always necessary to bear in mind that the long- term strategy for the replacement of the all-weather pitches left little cash available for annual expenditure and greater reliance must be made of grant aid.

Mr Moore announced that the Reporting Accountants, HW, had examined the accounts and found them satisfactory. He opened the meeting to questions on the accounts.

As there were no questions he proposed that the accountants be adopted which was seconded by Mr J Cutler and carried unanimously by the Meeting. HW were proposed by Mr Moore to perform the same task next year. This was seconded by Mr P A Vickers and carried unanimously.

### **Ground Chairman's Report**

Mr D Marsden said that he had little to add to his report in the handbook. The ground was the biggest spending department and all the Sections wanted the biggest share

of that spending. He felt that greater mutual recognition of the fact that resources were limited and greater endeavours must be made to obtain outside funding

## **Membership Secretary's Report**

The Membership Secretary, Mr A J Batty indicated that it had been a mixed year taking over from Derek Chandler with a number of teething problems to try and improve the efficiency of membership collection. The sporting sections had been co-operative in responding to the change and he hoped that this time next year to be reporting a successful transition.

The new Rules and Regulations emanating from the new Constitution had been given to the Sections for their study and communication to Members.

He then proposed that the Annual Subscriptions be amended in accordance with page 2 of the handbook. This was seconded by Mr B McBurney and carried unanimously by the meeting.

## **Election of Officers for 2010**

Mr N W Hewitt, the Chairman of the Club, then chaired the meeting. Mr I C Johnston proposed and Mr B McBurney seconded that Mr D Alcock continues as President for a further year. The meeting unanimously approved this.

Mr Alcock resumed chairing the meeting having been re-elected as President.

The Vice-Presidents were proposed for election en bloc by the Board. This proposal was carried unanimously.

The Board proposed the re-appointment of Mr N A McKinna as a Vice-President. This was unanimously accepted by the meeting. Mr N W Hewitt was proposed as a Vice-President by Mr Alcock and seconded by Mr J D Marsden who commended the work that Nick Hewitt had done for the Club over the past two years. He had taken over as Chairman at a difficult time for the Club following the resignation of the previous Chairman and had been the source of many new initiatives. Mr G Buchan was proposed as a Vice-President by the President and seconded by Mr B McBurney who said that Mr Buchan had joined the Club having played football. He took up hockey, progressed rapidly and subsequently spent twelve years playing on the 1st XI. He played International Hockey for Scotland and later became a member of the Veterans Hockey side. He also played tennis and was single figure golfer. Having been Chairman of the Hockey Section for four years he was a worthy candidate for Vice-Presidency. The meeting unanimously approved both appointments.

All the Directors standing for election had been proposed and seconded and the meeting approved their election. It was pointed out by the President that there was an unfilled vacancy for a Director. Mr A Aldred offered himself for election and was proposed and seconded by members of the Board. This appointment was accepted by the meeting.

The Millennium Cup was awarded to the Hockey Section and presented by Mr D J Chandler to Mr G Buchan, the Hockey Section Chairman. In making the presentation Mr Chandler said that the Hockey First XI were in the National Premier League and had reached the semi-final of the National Knockout Cup. Poynton Ladies had joined us this year who also played in their Premier League. He believed that Brooklands were the only club to have two teams in premier leagues.

The Endeavour Shield is presented to the individual who makes the biggest contribution to the Club in a particular year. This year Alison Cara and Richard Latham share the award. Both had come to the Club as a result of their sons joining and had become involved in training and administration of their respective sections.

Mr Latham thanked the Club for the award and believed that the Club was a good place to have children involved in sport. He also paid thanks to Paul Whittle, John Dixon and Andy Aldred for their work with him. Mrs Cara thanked the Club for the award and paid tribute to all the people who give their time to the Club and assisting in sports administration.

### **Any other business**

Mr I Thompson asked when safety netting was to be installed adjacent to the Bowling Green to prevent cricket balls landing on the green. Mr Marsden responded that the netting currently being used on the outdoor nets would be used for the bowling green.

Mr D Kellet, the Tennis Section Chairman, stated that the three new all-weather tennis courts were under water last weekend. Mr Marsden said that he was aware of the situation and will discuss the matter with the company that project managed the installation. He did point out that they had not flooded last year despite some severe spells of wet weather.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

# Brooklands Sports Club Annual Meeting 2010

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Can I open my report by thanking all those members from every Section who volunteer week on week, year on year, to either coach members in various sports or help run a Section's administration. We recognised two such volunteers last year with the Endeavour Shield and the Club is actively looking at other ways to recognise your work. Without this, mostly unpaid, work, the Club could not flourish at any level and this needs to be recognised by all the Membership.

In the same vein, I think a word of thanks to all the Board Members over the last year would not go amiss. It is often difficult for members to move away from Sections and join the Board where the bigger club picture can often appear to interfere with a Section's legitimate hopes and expectations. The Board have a difficult task in trying to balance a Section's hopes with prudent financial management of our limited resources. With a number of sections to satisfy, the Board have to schedule work and give priority to certain projects from time to time. Over the last twelve months the new cricket nets have been constructed and have given a welcome boost to that Section. This is a classic case of funds becoming available from a national governing body and being applied for to help the Club. Large projects such as this need to be looked at within the context of the wider club financial situation and be seen as part of developmental plans of the whole Club. I would encourage all Sections to go out and get monies from local authorities, national governing bodies or sports aid bodies. However, please let us know early on what you are doing and how the Club can help with supporting documentation, planning applications etc and particularly if costs will arise for the Club. We have guidelines sent to all Sections about capital expenditure and it helps co-ordinate the Club's development if we know what sections can apply for and are so doing. The cricket nets are an example of this Section-led development funding. Our thanks as a Club go to Jeff Marland and Peter Wyley for the hard work in getting the ECB grant and Lord Taverners' money to make them possible.

We are using outside grant money to fund our Sports Development Officer, Alexis Fuller, I would urge all Sections to take advantage of his role to obtain funding information, develop coaching development and increase Junior Membership. We as a club need to get into local schools to encourage children, their parents and their friends to join the Club. The amount of work that goes into junior development is crucial for the future of the Club. This club is at its best when it is busy.

Can I thank Andy Batty for his hard work in reorganising the collecting of subscriptions and organising membership. It was a hard act to follow after Derek Chandler but he has risen to the task and has seen our subscription collection improve. The subscriptions look to have increased this year due to collection date and process changes. It is not due to a vast increase in membership income. We need to keep our finances under tight control and the recent VAT rise helps not one bit.

Can I also thank Nick Hewitt for all his work as Chairmen over the last three years. It is role of crucial importance to the Club and one he has filled very well. It is a role that requires commitment; vision, time and a broader view than one Section. He has displayed all these qualities and more despite business and family commitments. The same applies to David Marsden who has continued his thankless task as Ground Board Member despite difficult personal circumstances and his many other commitments. This applies to Ian Johnson who has been the voice of Brooklands Sports Club in discussions with our friends from LA Fitness. To say he is more than equal to this

difficult task would be an understatement. The recent refurbishment was achieved to our satisfaction due to his efforts. Despite having Italian television sport, we seem to have emerged from the re-decoration happier and better looking.

Finally can I thank all Board Members for their support and Beth and her staff for work behind the bar.

Can I urge all members to take an interest in the Club, to safeguard its property, to encourage participation, to welcome new members and to actively support sectional activities. It's a club we can be justly proud of and with few equals in whole of the North of England. It is all our responsibilities to keep it so

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I have now come to the end of my tenure as Chairman and I feel a great deal of frustration at the attitude of the Sections towards each other. Being part of a multi sports club is an opportunity to embrace many different sports and to meet like-minded people and develop our social circles all through one common entity. SPORT!

At Brooklands too many times I have heard people moaning about what other sections get rather than being happy at what they as a section have. When sections get new surfaces or facilities I have yet to hear praise of those facilities only moans and groans about them. I find this attitude appalling as people within the club work tirelessly to ensure that we get the best possible value for money for facilities asked for by your sections. We only ever go for facilities that have been chosen by you and to the specifications given by you so if it is not quite right then we are not the only ones to blame.

This year has once again been a good year with both the Squash and Tennis Sections attaining Clubmark. Well done, a great achievement by both sections. The Tennis Section has achieved satellite status through the efforts of their coach Oli Jones and Karen Keohane. Alexis Fuller, the Multi Sport Development Officer, has worked closely with most Sections and has tried to help get the Sections working together. He has helped considerably with squash, tennis and hockey projects as well as organizing open days and festival days for local schools.

A number of our members have received awards for the work they carry out for the club. Alison Cara (Lacrosse) was awarded the "Volunteer of the Year" award by Trafford for her work both for the lacrosse section and for her work with the Schools. Oli Jones, the Tennis Coach, received the "Lawn Tennis Association Coach of the Month" award. Conor Keohane received the "Young Volunteer of the Year Award" at Roehampton from The Lawn Tennis Association. Congratulations to all of you for the amount of time and effort you put in to helping your sections and the club prosper.

Several players have gained international honours this year Andy Bull from the Hockey section played for England and Great Britain whilst Russell Anderson represented Scotland. From Lacrosse Paul Simpson played for Wales and Andrew Baxter played for England, both at the World Championships in Manchester. Many congratulations to all of you as representing your country is the ultimate playing honour in team sports.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow Board Members for all the time and effort they put in to helping the club run on an even keel. Very few people are aware of the time and energy that is involved in dealing with our tenants, LA Fitness, the Council and also Sale GS. I thank all of you for the help, support and advice you have given me over the last three years. I would also like to thank the Sectional Chairmen and their

committees for the invaluable work they do for Brooklands Sports Club as a whole. I would like to wish my successor the best of luck in what is looking like an exciting fast developing future for the club.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Revenue Account is much healthier than last year, showing a small surplus of £582 compared to the deficit of £7,921 last year. The rent received reflected a full year of the rent increase that came into effect part way through 2009 and subscriptions were up, partly due to an increase in the number of members and partly due to more prompt payment of subscriptions by members. Pitch hire income continued to fall as sections increased their use of the pitch thereby reducing the time available for the pitch to be hired out. Significant investment was made on the ground through spending on day-to-day maintenance and on new cricket nets. Other expenditure was in line with previous years. The agreement with Trafford Council and Sale Grammar School to contribute to pitch renewals until 2020 will probably come to an end if the school's application for Academy status is granted. The Board is currently negotiating with both parties to replace that agreement with one that continues to give the school access to our playing facilities while giving the Club the means to replace the all weather surfaces as and when necessary. Finally, the Club was granted Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) status during the year which could benefit the Club financially in the future.

## **GROUND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

2010 proved to be a frustrating year as we were only able to complete one of our projects - new all-weather cricket nets thanks to substantial funding from the E.C.B.

On a positive note Ron again did a great job on all surfaces. The Bowling Green and tennis courts were commented on, favourably, by visitors. Generally the grounds have looked good but there is always room for improvement. Ron Rawlinson has just completed 30 years as our groundsman, which is a fantastic achievement, and he still remains as enthusiastic as ever. He is a great asset to the Club

Going forward we have a problem with the tennis lights to resolve which will only be cured by further investment. Currently the Management Committee is reviewing our projected funding requirements so that a programme of replacement/improvement can be put in place. Funding is the key as always.

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The 2010-2011 subscription season has seen major changes to the way Club subscriptions are collected. At the heart of these changes has been a shift from a centralised approach, with the Membership Secretary carrying out all administration and collection work, to an approach which gives each Section greater responsibility for managing its own members.

I am delighted to say that the changes have been overwhelmingly successful and have progressed remarkably smoothly given the shifts in practice and attitudes which they have required. Instrumental to this success have been the (rather grandly titled) Sectional Membership Liaison Officers ("SMLO"s) – one of which each Section is now required to appoint to its Committee under last year's new Club Constitution. Dave Garnett (Cricket), Dudley Shelmerdine (Tennis), Betty Elliot (Bowls), Andy Aldred (Hockey), Alison Cara (Lacrosse) and Stuart Coldrick (Squash) all deserve special

praise and thanks for their hard work this year. I am confident that their diligence and energy this season will have laid the groundwork for the systems to operate even more smoothly and efficiently in future years.

While most Sections continue to encourage their members to pay subscriptions by Direct Debit (managed by the Membership Secretary), the new system gives SMLOs responsibility for collecting cash subscriptions, monitoring new members and making sure regulars and team players are members of the Club. This approach has led to a marked increase in member numbers - partly as a result of SMLOs attracting and welcoming new blood and partly as a result of our picking up some players who have always been presumed to be members but who have been found to be mysteriously absent from our register! All members should note, however, that if they fail to pay their subscriptions in a timely manner or fail to fill in forms correctly, they will now be causing problems not only for the somewhat-faceless 'Club' but for their own Section.

Leaving aside this 'behind-the-scenes' activity, the most obvious changes visible to members will be the new-style membership cards and the fact that each has been assigned a 'primary' Section - indicated by the first letter on their card. The new cards also show the other sports which a member is registered for (and members should contact the Membership Secretary if they wish to change these registrations) and a unique Membership Number (previous cards showed only sequential numbers based on year of issue). Since it is now a Club rule that members must carry their card at all times when on Club premises or face ejection, these new cards make it much easier to see and to prove membership status.

Other developments this year include a 'Member Information Booklet' which will be distributed to all new members (designed to give a more professional 'welcome' to the Club and encourage players to consider involvement in other Sections) and the introduction of 'Rolling Junior Members' (to recognise the fact that many of our juniors remain as members of the Club for many years and to encourage them to stay on into adulthood).

In closing, my thanks go to all those members and committee officers who have assisted me this season. Without your help and cooperation the job would prove impossible.

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## OBITUARIES 2010-2011

**EAMONN LONGMORE**, a member of the Bowls Section, died on the 15th February 2010. He will be missed by his father Eamonn, a long standing social member of the Club and the steward for a number of years.

It was sad to hear of the death of **ALAN BARRATT** on the 5th April 2010 at the age of 74. He will be remembered as one of the very best cricketers to play at Brooklands. Alan joined the Club, aged 38, in 1975 after a successful professional career at Castleton Moor and Rochdale Cricket Clubs in the Central Lancashire League. In the next few years, at an age when most sportsmen's powers are declining, he played a significant role in Brooklands winning the Cheshire Cup and the Cheshire County League Championship. His many friends at Brooklands will miss him. His ashes were scattered across the cricket ground in late October and a short service of remembrance held which his wife Ivy and family attended.

**DAVID BROOKS**, who passed away in late April, was a talented all-round cricketer and a key member of the Brooklands 1st XI throughout the 1960's. As an opening batsman he displayed great powers of concentration and never gave his wicket away easily. He bowled left arm round the wicket at above the usual spinners pace with great accuracy. In a 1st XI match at Cheadle in 1971 he returned the remarkable figures of 22-11 -20-7. A banker by profession, David was also an active member of the Hockey Section, playing mainly for the 2nd and 3rd teams. He also served as Ground Chairman. With his dry sense of humour he was always a popular team-mate and had many friends at the Club.

**IAN McBETH** died suddenly on the 27th August 2010 aged 70. He joined Brooklands Sports Club as a Social Member following the closure of the Wardens Club in 1991. He was a regular visitor to the Club being seen there most evenings of the week especially, as a keen Manchester United fan, if football was being televised. A warm and friendly man who will be sadly missed by his wife Wendy, his family and all his many friends at Brooklands.

We were very sorry to note that **NORMAN MARLAND** sadly passed away in September at the "tender" age of 96. Norman, who was born in North Manchester, moved to Sale in 1949 but joined Brooklands in 1973 along with many others including his dear late wife, Freda, when Moor Nook Bowling Club closed. Norman became a keen member of the Bowls Section, and was a regular on the green representing Brooklands in the local leagues. His first love was cricket and was a Life Member at Sale Moor Cricket Club, continuing to play until he was 60. His enthusiasm was infused in the family as both sons Neil and Jeff and grandson Lee played the game. Norman and Freda were active social members and could be seen most Friday evenings in 'their' corner of the bar, with their many friends.

**RALPH IRELAND**, known to many as "Mr S.O.S." of Sale Office Services, died on the 21st September 2010 aged 77. Ralph was an enthusiastic and popular member of the Cricket Section in the 1970's. He will be remembered by the Brooklands cricketers of that time for two things; firstly being the proud possessor of an Oldsmobile Toronado car which had been owned by David Essex, secondly his finest day on the cricket field when he took 4-13 against Winnington Park C.C. 2nd XL. Later that year he sent Christmas Cards to his team mates reminding them of the feat signing himself Ralph (4 for 13) Ireland. A great character who will be sadly missed.

**ANNE HURDWELL** passed away in January 2011 after suffering from Alzheimer's disease for a long time. She was a member of the Bowls Section for many years and played for Brooklands in the Trafford Evening League and the Sale Ladies league. Anne was a dedicated member and worked tirelessly for the Club both as Secretary and Captain. Her kind and friendly manner endeared her to all the Members. All her bowling friends and especially her husband Derrick, a long-standing player and Committee Member of the Bowls Section, will sadly miss her.

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# **AWARDS**

## ***MILLENNIUM CUP***

This award is made to the Sporting Section which is considered to have made the greatest contribution to the Club during the year. The Tennis Section have achieved this distinction in 2010. With David Kellett as Chairman, and his careful guidance, the Section has blossomed. The number of members has increased, the quality of tennis has improved and the Section has a sense of urgency and purpose. The Hon. Secretary, Dudley Shelmerdine, and the coach Ollie Jones have made significant contributions together with many other members. The major achievement of the year has been gaining "Club Mark". Another notable success was Connor Keohane being awarded the British Young Volunteer of the Year and being presented with a trophy by the L.T.A. President, Derek Howarth, at Roehampton.

## ***ENDEAVOUR SHIELD***

David Kellett has been given the award this year. Having taken over as Chairman of the Tennis Section he has provided the vision and realistic objectives for his members. He is an excellent communicator with a deep knowledge of the Section at all levels ensuring that everyone's efforts are valued. David's organisational skills are superb and he conducts meetings in a productive and energetic manner. He has Brooklands in his blood and he believes passionately in the Club and all it has achieved in the past and can achieve in the future.

## **2010 SECTION REPORTS**

### **CRICKET**

This was a year of consolidation for the Cricket Section. The 1st XI finished 5th (7th in 2009), the 2nd XI finished 3rd (after winning promotion in 2009) and the 3rd XI 7th in their respective leagues. The 4th XI were unfortunately relegated. In 2011 the objectives will be achieving 1st Division status for the 1st XI and Premier League for the 2nd team.

Availability remained a problem especially around the time of school examinations because of the number of Juniors playing in Senior sides. This caused some selection difficulties with the third and fourth teams, but no games were conceded.

Positives arising of the 1st XI season were the bowling of A J Hart, Paul Vesey, Naveed Sayeed and Elliot Woodage. The first two mentioned qualified for the League averages. Batsmen Chris Hart and Dave Madden qualified for the League batting averages but only Alexis Fuller had a score of more than 70.

The 2nd XI had new faces, old faces and a new League to play in along with a new Captain to play for in Tom Mitchell. They started brilliantly, struggled in the middle and finished strongly, finishing 3rd in the League. Doug Whyley, Ollie Bowden and Anthony Platt qualified for the League batting averages, whilst Matt Guy, Tom Mitchell and Christian Potter did so with the ball.

The 3rd XI finished 7th, two places below 2009. Availability caused major concerns, Andy Batty coming away from selection without a full side on most occasions. Andy Batty and Dave Garnett qualified for League bowling averages whilst Ross Willard, Harry Routledge, Mark Vesey and Andy Batty featured with the bat.

Their strategy for the 4th XI at the start of the season was to have six senior regulars supplemented by Juniors to introduce them to Senior Cricket. It turned out that a majority of players were Juniors with three or four Seniors. With the poor availability some games were played with less than a full side. Harry Routledge, Rob Leach, Matt Staniforth and Dom Booth qualified for the averages with the bat, Col Barrett and Chris Moore with the ball.

Many of the Junior sides had very successful seasons. The U9's started with just eight at their first practice but an attendance of forty was achieved as the year progressed. Two teams represented Brooklands in the CCCL at U11 level. The U12's were finalists in the Salford Cup and 2nd in the Salford League. The U13's finished 2nd in their zone of the CCCL. The U14's finished 2nd in the Salford League and won the Cup. They also won the Cup in the CCCL. The U15's finished mid-table in the South Manchester Junior League. The U17/18's finished mid-table whilst the U18's were winners in their Cup competition.

After nine years in charge of the Academy Pete Staley is stepping down. The Section wish to thank Pete for untiring efforts with the support of his wife Nette.

## TENNIS

I am delighted to report a highly successful year both on and off court for the 2010 season in which the Section gained County and National LTA recognition as well as an improvement in the overall playing standard and provision of member acclaimed social tennis activities. In gaining Club Mark status the section is nationally accredited for its management, policies and procedures, programmes and planning. The presentation of the award was made by the Cheshire President, Barbara Bloor at a memorable occasion which also included the Breast Cancer Awareness Tennis Tournament (which raised over £800) and a presentation to Ron Rawlinson to mark his thirty years of outstanding service as groundsman. Performance Club status was another National LTA accolade achieved by the Section in recognition of helping to raise standards and working with feeder schools and clubs to increase the pool of junior talent. Brooklands nominated 7 players for County Talent ID and is currently top out of 89 Cheshire clubs with 123 regularly competing juniors. These accomplishments bear testimony to the outstanding work of Ollie Jones, our Head Coach and his assistant coaches whose unstinting efforts are much appreciated by the section. Ollie also captained the Cheshire boys 10 and under county team and was awarded the prestigious LTA National Coach of the Month for November. Pleasingly, Ollie has signed a 3 year coaching contract with Brooklands and has drawn up a development programme for the junior section. Ollie also deserves praise for his organisation with Alexis Fuller of the highly successful Open Day which attracted well over 100 potential new members.

The number of entrants of seniors for the Annual Tournament was disappointingly low this year although the quality of matches on Finals Day was excellent. The combination of holding an American Tournament, Senior and Junior Finals on the same day worked well and with over 100 people attending the presentation evening, barbecue and disco the whole day was a great success. Connor Keohane swept the board in winning four senior titles including men's singles, men's doubles with Phil Rothwell and mixed doubles with Cara Janes. Connor capped an outstanding year by receiving the British Young Volunteer of the Year Award from the LTA President at a prestigious ceremony in London. Becky Overy won the Ladies Singles and Trevor Colledge used his guile and experience in winning the drawn doubles with Paul Duggan and the men's veteran doubles with Phil Rothwell. Thanks are extended to Nigel Lewis and Phil Rothwell for their organisation of the tournament events.

Senior teams in the South Manchester Leagues performed particularly well this last season with two teams finishing as champions and one as runner up. Senior and junior teams in their respective North East Cheshire leagues had a year of consolidation with two teams close to runners up. The first three weeks of team practices were well attended but lost momentum when matches started. Meetings of team captains helped to resolve some team issues but there needs to be greater liaison and transparency over team selection. It

is pleasing to see many members playing in Box leagues, initiated and coordinated by Ralph Yates, which enables more opportunity for competitive play and help raise the overall playing profile.

Social tennis played a crucial role in the calendar of tennis events for existing members and for welcoming new members throughout the year. Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon sessions have been well attended with increasingly popular men's nights on Mondays and ladies nights on Wednesdays. The resurrection of a men's social tennis on Friday nights was only partially successful as was junior club night also held on Fridays. American Tournaments, superbly organised by Geoff Densham and Dave Brotton throughout the season, were much appreciated by members as was the quiz night and bowls match against the bowls section. Whilst other social events were cancelled on account of lack of interest, the enthusiasm and involvement of social organisers Adrian and Suzanne Hogarth are key elements in the social activities of the section.

The grass courts remain the envy of other clubs and remain the jewel in our crown through the dedicated hard work and expertise of Ron to whom I extend the sections greatest thanks. Regrettably, Cheshire Ladies' County team practice before Eastbourne was adjourned to the all weather courts on account of torrential rain. Flooding of the new astro-courts caused consternation pre-season but was rectified and the courts remained playable apart from the severe snow and ice experienced before Xmas. In drawing up a 5 - year strategy for the Section the Tennis Committee have taken into account the constructive feedback gleaned from members through the completion of a questionnaire. Consequently the section website is undergoing an overhaul by Nigel Lewis and Mark Mumford, and a working party has been convened by Karen Keohane investigating provision of a dedicated tennis pavilion. A Constitution for the Section was also finalised this year.

I am gratified that in this first year of office my mandate of developing the full potential of the Club has achieved some measure of success largely through the dedicated and committed efforts of committee members to whom I extend the section's gratitude. Dudley Shelmerdine deserves especial praise and congratulations for his magnificent work as both Secretary and Membership Liaison Officer. Dudley's newsletters, circulated electronically, have kept members abreast of developments and current information at club, county and national level and his diligence, promptness and accuracy of minuting meetings ensures momentum is maintained in getting things done. As Membership Liaison Officer, Dudley was confronted with a new system of collecting subscriptions and maintaining membership details which he has done assiduously and patiently and which has resulted in the clearest record of tennis members that we have ever had. Thanks also to Geoff Densham for keeping our finances in order as treasurer, Nigel Lewis for getting some good press coverage, Phil Rothwell for organising the Wimbledon ticket draw with the help of Michelle, and Nicki Harrison from Cheshire LTA for much needed help and advice.

## HOCKEY

Despite having to attend the National Premier Division play-offs at the end of last season, the 1st team managed to secure a second year in the top flight of English hockey. The league was very tightly contested with any of the bottom six or seven sides possibly having to attend the play-offs, and, as luck would have it, such was Brooklands MU fate. A great lesson in survival, then, at the very top level of hockey in the country thanks to coach John Bell; all who have been assisting and supporting, and of course, the playing squad.

At the turn of 2010-11 season, the 1st team are currently lying 8th in the Premier League with the points difference up to 4th place tightly grouped – a single win, depending upon other results, could possibly send the team temporarily hurtling up the league. Coach John Bell is improving the young team week-by-week and is optimistic of consolidating Premiership hockey for the club into the 2011-12 season.

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams also continue to play at the highest possible levels within their league structures – although with somewhat mixed results, so far. The 2nd team, however, are currently 5th in their league and seem to be well on course for Northern Premier Division survival - thus fulfilling that important developmental role of nurturing aspirant 1st team players.

Although a number of senior players have not been available this season, the 3rd team are consolidating their position in North West Division 1 which augers well for their continued success. However, some lower teams have suffered from the inconsistencies of player availability and the 4th team, unfortunately, is languishing near the bottom of NW Division 2.

The 5th team, whilst having mixed results, is currently hovering around mid-table. Captain Tom Weavers (who also captained the 6th team last season) will be applying his well-rehearsed organisational skills here again so there is no need to press the panic button just yet. The 6th team squad now includes both ex-Badgers and students and has struggled for consistency in the first half of the season; despite this, the prognosis is for survival in their current Division 7 league. The 'mighty' 7th team were promoted from Division 9 South last season (all the other north west Brooklands MU teams play in the Northern leagues). They are currently 3rd in Div. 8 South, with games in hand, and fancy their chances at promotion again this season. This team is, or was, a veterans' side but now includes some younger players and the mix of age, experience and youthful energy seems to be paying results.

The Junior Section is going from strength to strength, with approximately 70 juniors now attending either Sunday morning or Tuesday evening sessions. Special mention needs to be made of the continued support from Nikki Padden, Richard Latham, John Dixon and Brian McBurney in ensuring we are building for our future. A club is only as strong as its volunteers and the last year has seen a significant increase in those who regularly turn out to help, including Paul Whittle, Trevor Kinch, Andy Morrison, Ralph Yates, Iain Cherry, Cat Savage and Nelia Bekker. Club Captain, Andy Aldred, is a mainstay of our coaching team and is keen to progress the development of the Junior

Section and thus realise his vision of success based on homegrown talent. Consequently, some of the Badger U16's have moved up to the senior sides, with the Badgers XI making way for an U14's Beavers side.

## **LADIES HOCKEY**

Like the Men's XI, the Ladies' 1st team continues to compete at the highest level in their National Premier League, having successfully made the transition from the merger between Brooklands and Poynton in the previous season. And like the men's team success at this level has not been straight forward and they are braced for the survival travails which are yet to be played out as the season progresses.

The many worthy efforts by people at all levels within the Section are to be commended, as our successes both on the field and off during the previous and current seasons demonstrate. In this respect, it is important to acknowledge the significant part played by George Buchan, who has given generously of his time and support, prior to stepping-down as Section Chairman at the end of his period of office in September. Our sincere thanks to him and to everyone in the men's and ladies' sections, and in the Sports Club as a whole, for their continued support. Everything has yet to be played for this season - so here's hoping for a successful outcome for all involved.

## **LACROSSE**

The four senior teams are having varying success in their respective divisions with the 1st team and B team struggling and the other two teams more than holding their own. Unfortunately, the 1st team have not won yet and with a very young team they are finding it difficult to compete. The intention is to maintain enjoyment in the game and hopefully the youngsters will learn from the experience. However the club has a lot of depth in playing positions and the A team are benefiting from this. Jordan, Ellston and Simpson could all play for the 1st team but are now play on the A team. The A team are doing well in their league and are in the semi-finals of their respective cup competition. The Ex. A on their day can beat anybody in their division but rely on a few key individuals who sometimes play on the A team. The B team are finding that the mix of old and young players is one that makes it difficult to provide a formula for a winning side. The Club is still evolving and trying to generate a group of quality players to challenge in the Premiership. We are now achieving that aim, however there is uncertainty about players staying at the Club after further education.

The senior teams across the Club continue to benefit from the introduction of youngsters and as senior players retire we as a club realise how important the junior programme is.

Needless to say the Juniors had an excellent season with the number of playing members increasing. The girls U12 are now able to turn out a team with substitutes which is the result of the excellence of our American Coaches together with Jane Ellston and Debbie Baxter, the U12 team manager. The

girls' section has teams at U12, U14 and U16 age group.

The boys also had a superb season with pride of place going to the U14 team who were unbeaten winning the U14 cup competition and the festival tournament at the World Championships. This is in no small part due the coaching of Nick Hewitt, certainly the most successful junior coach in the country over the last ten years. The U19 led by Chris Summers were runners up in the league and the cup demonstrating once again the rise of the junior section to being one of the top programmes in the country. The U16 had an excellent season and were runners up in the U16 National Tournament losing by the odd goal in the final. The U14B team made up of entirely U13 players had a difficult season being a year younger than their opposition but battled in every game and will get the benefit of their efforts next season. The U12 team reached the final of the national Tournament losing 1-0 in the final. This was a fantastic achievement, as they were probably seeded no higher than fourth.

Once again we have been well supported by volunteer parents and coaches but special mention goes to Alison Cara who was named "Volunteer of the Year 2010" by Trafford Sports Development. This was in recognition for her work with local schools along with running the junior section.

Our continuing development of lacrosse in local schools was highlighted at the Schools Festival at the World Championships in July. Three boys and two girls teams from our schools programme entered with Sale GS winning both the boys and girls competition.

## **SQUASH**

We have five mens teams who play in the North West Counties Squash League on Thursday nights and two ladies teams who play in the Cheshire League on Monday nights. Both leagues run September through to April.

Anybody interested in playing team squash should contact Stuart Coldrick on mobile number 07740202538 or Caron Wright on 07941217676 .

We also run internal leagues over a six week period and anyone wishing to take part should contact Keith Kelly on 0161 980 6434.

Club coach Mark Rowe runs a Junior Coaching Session each Friday 4pm-7pm. Available also is individual coaching his contact number is 07590467750.

An annual knockout competition is organised around May each year for both ladies and men's sections. 2010 men's winner was Damian Easy while the lady's winner was Pam Wilson.

### **SEASON 2009/10 REVIEW**

Brooklands Men's 1st team were unfortunately relegated to Div 3. Capt. Neil Paisley and the rest of the team finding it a tough challenge again this year. The 2nd team remained in Div 3 while the 3rd stayed in Div 4. The 4th and 5th teams remain in Div 5.

Brooklands Ladies' 1st team finished 3rd in Div 2 with the 2nds 9th in Div 3b.

## **BOWLS**

It has been a good year on the playing front with the Men's LV 'A' Team and both teams in the Sale Ladies League winning their respective divisions. Ian Johnson won the league's individual average prize for Division 3. For the Mens 'A' team, 2011 will provide the challenge of staying in Division 2 yet again! The Ladies 'A' team won the league by a handsome margin winning all of their 22 games. The Ladies 'B' also had a very successful season finishing best of the B teams. Marcia Cragg and Jill Chandler won the League Pairs Competition with Jill also finishing top of the League aggregates. All in all a very successful season for the Ladies Teams. All our other teams maintained their positions in the respective leagues.

We ran two very popular Open Days. The first one was for anyone interested in playing bowls and was part of a summer sports Open Day. The second one was a Schools Open Day again run with the other summer sports. Both events were coordinated by Alexis Fuller, the Sports Development Officer. Unfortunately, we did not get any follow up in terms of new members. We need to think how we can retain the interest of people so that they take further part in the section after the Open Days.

The bowls club is continuing to look at ways of improving the facilities and the upgrade of the floodlights is our current priority.

The Social Committee have done an excellent job in organising the club competition and social events this year. Highlights included an enjoyable away day at Barnton Cricket Club and barbecues by Hazel, the "Barbecue Queen".

## **JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT**

We are now in our 20th year of providing Junior Football coaching for children aged from Reception Year to Year 5 inclusive. The coaches are F. A. Level 1 qualified. Coaching sessions take place on Sunday mornings at 10 am from September to April and are frequently attended by scouts from Manchester United, Manchester City and Bolton Wanderers football clubs.

# BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2010

### BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2010

	NOTE	2010 £	2010 £	2009 £	2009 £
<b>INCOME FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>					
Rent received			74,307		67,956
Subscriptions			92,384		84,558
Hockey Pitch Fees			13,590		14,740
Advertising boards			891		876
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			181,172		168,130
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Sporting Facilities :					
Ground Maintenance		33,530		31,165	
Ground Wages	2	50,540		47,305	
Ground Equipment Depreciation		6,177		7,377	
All Weather Pitch Depreciation		26,297		28,686	
All Weather Pitch Renewal Provision		1,500		413	
Sports Equipment & Affiliation Fees		31,415	-149,459	31,530	-146,476
Clubhouse Expenses :					
Utilities		1,085		1,291	
Insurances		2,762		2,653	
Building Depreciation		0	-3,847	0	-3,944
Administration & Finance :					
Printing, Postage & Telephone		8,742		8,894	
Professional Fees		1,663		778	
Audit Fees		934		853	
Bank Charges		285		403	
Interest received		-13		32	
Sundry		85	-11,696	0	-10,960
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			165,002		161,380
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>			16,170		6,750
<b>TAXATION</b>	4		-15,588		-14,671
<b>TRANSFER TO RESERVES</b>	7		582		-7,921

# BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 2010

	NOTE	2010 £	2010 £	2009 £	2009 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		425,311		401,404
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock		0		0	
Prepayments		27,822		5,859	
Cash in Hand & at Bank		56,643		67,953	
		84,465		73,812	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
(Amounts falling due within 1 year)					
Members Loans		-5,150		-5,150	
Trade Creditors		-13,968		-8,471	
Accruals		-21,725		-23,945	
Taxation		-15,607		-14,277	
		-56,450		-51,843	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			28,015		21,969
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			453,326		423,373
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES</b>					
Repairs Provision			-20,670		-19,170
			432,656		404,203
<b>CAPITAL &amp; RESERVES</b>					
Revenue Account	7		4,237		3,655
Deferred Income	8		428,419		400,548
			432,656		404,203

The accounts on pages 21 to 24 were approved by the Board of Directors on 3rd January 2011

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The Directors have taken advantage in the preparation of these Financial Statements of the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2010

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In the opinion of the Club Council, in order to aid understanding of the Club's financial results, the format of the Profit and Loss Account as prescribed by the Companies Act 2006 is not appropriate and the Revenue Account as set out on page 21 discloses all relevant information in a form most suitable for appreciation by the members. This has no effect on the result for the year.

#### ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The Accounts are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention

#### PITCH PERIMETER ADVERTISING

Cash received in respect of pitch perimeter advertising is credited to deferred income. The deferred income is amortised into the revenue account on a straight line basis over the period of the advertising agreement.

#### GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Government grants and donations received in connection with identifiable capital projects are credited to deferred income. The deferred income is amortised into the revenue account on a basis consistent with the depreciation charged on the related fixed assets.

#### DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows.

Buildings	10% per annum on Reducing Balance Method
Ground Equipment	30% per annum on Reducing Balance Method
Squash Courts	10% per annum on Reducing Balance Method
All-Weather Pitches	10% per annum on Reducing Balance Method

#### STOCK

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realised value.

#### ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

These accounts have been prepared under applicable accounting standards.

### 2. STAFF

Wages and Salaries are as shown in the Revenue Account.

The average weekly number of employees during the year was made up as follows

	2010	2009
Ground Staff	2	2
Administration Staff	1	0
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	3	2

### 3. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

No entitlement to Directors' remuneration exists and none has been paid

### 4. TAXATION

The Company, being a members club, is only liable to tax on interest and rent received.

	2010	2009
	£	£
Corporation tax @ 21%	15,607	14,277
Adjustments in respect of previous years	-19	394
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	£15,588	£14,671

## 5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Squash Courts £	Ground Equipment £	All Weather Surfaces £	Total £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1.12.09	65,115	92,792	715,530	873,437
Additions		799	74,996	75,795
Disposals				0
At 30.11.10	65,115	93,591	790,526	949,232
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1.12.09	65,085	72,582	334,366	472,033
For the year		6,303	45,585	51,888
Disposals				0
At 30.11.10	65,085	78,885	379,951	523,921
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 30.11.10	30	14,706	410,575	425,311
At 1.12.09	30	20,210	381,164	401,404
Depreciation Charge				
For the year	0	6,303	45,585	51,888
Deferred income release		-126	-19,288	-19,414
Net charge	0	6,177	26,297	32,474

Deferred income of £19,414 in connection with Government grants and donations has been credited to the Revenue Account to give a net depreciation of £32,474 (2009 £36,063).

## 6. LIMITED LIABILITY

The Company is limited by Guarantee, and does not have a share capital. The liability of each member of the Club under the terms of the guarantee is limited to £1.

## 7. REVENUE ACCOUNT

	£
At 30.11.09	3,655
Surplus for the year after taxation	582
At 30.11.10	4,237

## 8. DEFERRED INCOME

	Grants re Fixed Assets £	Life Membership Subscriptions £	Total £
Balance at 30.11.09	139,653	260,895	400,548
Received in year	53,648		53,648
Credited to Revenue Account	-19,414	-6,363	-25,777
Balance at 30.11.10	173,887	254,532	428,419

## 9. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Company qualifies as a small company and consequently no cash flow statement has been prepared.