

Review 2013



What a glorious summer to celebrate 5 years of the Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust. Each year, as I put pen to paper to write the introduction to the Annual Review, I am amazed at what has been achieved by the team of coaches and volunteers under Darren Bicknell's leadership. I feel it won't be many years before we see one of our young boys or girls pulling on an England cricket shirt and telling the press about how it all started in the Vale of Belvoir.

It's a highlight of my summer days when I drive past the ground at Knipton and see scores of school children taking part in the cricket and countryside days. In the mornings it will be a mass of youngsters playing cricket and in the afternoon I can see the children experiencing countryside activities at first hand. I am so passionate about young people getting the opportunity to understand and love the wonderful heritage we have in the Vale.



Again, we have been out and about with our Bees programme. It's lovely to see villages and small towns coming alive with sport through the Trust's effort. Special thanks must go to Neil Atkins, who has taken on more of the coaching responsibility this year. He's an inspiration – and much like me not put off by a bit of bad weather. I've never really understood this "rain stopped play" bit of cricket either!

Another 2,500 children have been touched by the work of the Trust in 2013. We will continue to maintain this level of commitment and hope to increase it as we develop more fund raising opportunities. Please do feel free to contact Darren if you have any idea to help gain more income for the Trust.

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I'm delighted that once again we have managed to fund the Trust activities. Every year it seems touch and go whether we will reach our target – but we did it again. Well done to everyone involved – and a very big thank you to our donors large and small. As part of a fund raising idea and something I am very passionate about was to start up our own 1220 Belvoir Field Sports Camp. This camp is designed to allow children to come and learn about our rural countryside and have a go at Shooting, Fishing, Game Keeping, Cricket and other country pursuits as well as learning the conservation side of our work here at Belvoir. It complements the work of the Trust and all the profits from this will go into the Trust. Take a look at the website www.bfs12-20club.com or ask Darren for more details.

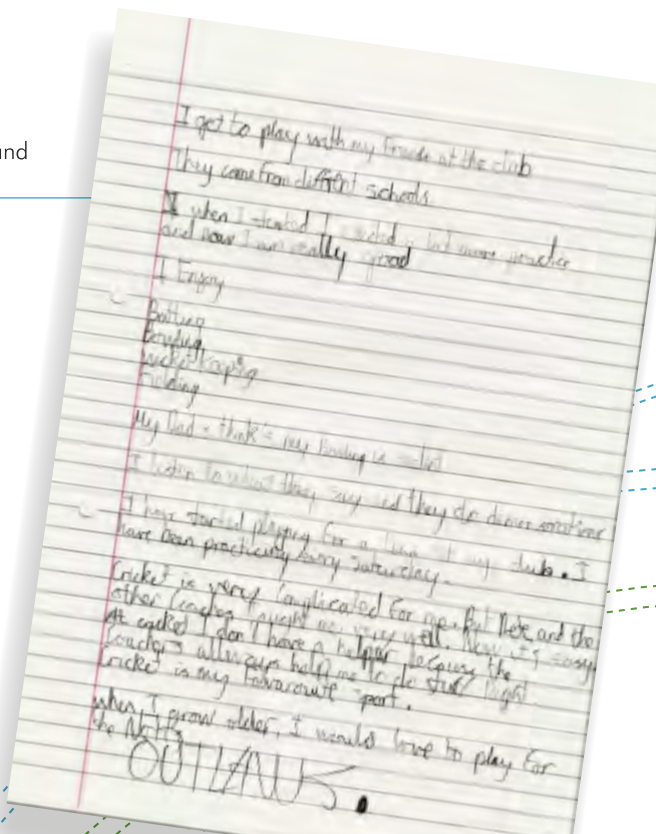
Yet again, Darren worked with over 74 volunteers to help with delivery. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the charity. We cannot thank them enough for their time and support.

The MCC continue to be generous and loyal supporters of our efforts. We had another wonderful eve of Test Match game – and I can only hope that 2014 will prove to be more successful for the Duchess of Rutland XI. Come on Darren – get me a win next year!

I am looking forward to 2014 and developing our programme with our volunteers and supporters. Thank you again to everyone for your efforts in 2013.

Kind regards

Emma, Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland



Ethan's words



Director's Review

"Sun and Smiles"

I seem to remember this time last year that I wrote about how the 'Summer' had been distinctly 'horrible' with major weather interruptions. Well this one has restored the faith in the good old British Summer – it was glorious!

And so was the year as far as the Trust was concerned. Once again we have increased our numbers and perhaps more importantly, we have continued to strive to improve.

In my view, no longer are we just a 'Cricket' Charity, we are a Charity which offers our children and our volunteers the opportunity to better their lives. Whether it is by becoming active and fitter, making the most of our education programmes, breaking into teams at our Bees venues or engaging with new friends in their Community, the Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust has grown into a vehicle which delivers on all of these counts. We have increased our numbers to 2521 an improvement on last year. We have just about managed to return a small surplus on our fund raising which in these still tough economic times is a testimony to our supporters and those that really do believe in what we are trying to do. I cannot possibly name them all here, they are mentioned elsewhere, but suffice to say without you we would not be where we are now.



Our core projects, Belvoir Bees, Cricket and Countryside Days, Special Needs Project, Teach Cricket in School project and our Volunteer recruitment and training projects have continued to develop including a new and exciting venture into Table Cricket for the physically impaired children that we work with. This culminated in a fantastic day's tournament held at the Lee Westwood Sports Centre at Nottingham University Clifton Campus which was won by Portland College from Mansfield. The day was played competitively and in great spirits and for many of their children I believe it was their

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first taste of competitive sport, something I was delighted to see and I'm proud that we have created this opportunity.

2014 will see us strive to become better and better but we will need your help - so please don't be afraid to pass on any ideas or challenge us on what we already do. All help is very welcome.

Our many fund raising and profile raising events came and went and were well supported. Our Golf Day at Radcliffe on Trent was won by Fisher German (will be checking handicaps next year), and our Charity 6-a side event was won by Owzat Cricket.

On the cricket front, The Duchess of Rutland XI narrowly lost to the MCC but the hospitality at the Castle and the friendships we gained, quickly allowed us to forget the result although I did get plenty of stick from the 'Duchess'. We hosted the Bradman XI touring party from Bowral in Sydney and won, thus rounding off a poor summer for our visiting Australians this year – 'shame' I all hear you say!

On a personal note, I was delighted that my friend and England Cricketer Graeme Swann listed us as one of his nominated Charities during his Benefit Year. Not all International Sportsmen do their bit, but Graeme certainly does his.

I must thank a few people though. Firstly our Patron the Duchess of Rutland and her staff at the Castle for their continued and committed support, Phil O'Brien our Chairman for his guidance, to Neil Atkins my right hand man whose commitment and work ethic is my envy, to our Trustees, our Coaches, and our many volunteers who again I can't name here but are mentioned later.

2013 has been truly amazing; I hope we can make 2014 equally as special.

My humblest thanks



Darren Bicknell
Director

387 children enjoying 4,371 hours of out-of-school active sport

- 7 venues across Leicestershire & Lincolnshire
- giving children, 6-11 years, the opportunity to play sport and learn skills on a regular basis
- encouraging involvement of adult volunteers in sports activities
- involving all members of the family in the activities through social interaction in a rural community



Our Belvoir Bees logo designed by Katy from Redmile Primary School

Belvoir Bees' coaching took place at 7 rural/small town venues. These sessions provide an opportunity for children to participate in sport, learn new skills and improve on ones already gained. This project is cricket based but encourages participation at all levels of skill. It is NOT a Cricket Club – and there are no team selections. It promotes inclusion and regular 90 minutes' activity on a weekly basis through the summer months.

The Belvoir Bees continues to help and support the development of local community volunteers. This year we had the support of 32 local volunteers helping with sports coaching & administration of the sessions.

Also the sessions provide a focused way for local families to meet and generally become more involved in developing their community.

Through the introduction and running of the Belvoir Bees, the Trust has been instrumental in the regeneration of small, rural and in some cases failing cricket clubs by working with them to develop sustainable junior cricket sections and enabling a pathway for youngsters to access competitive junior cricket:

Our Venues:

Harlaxton

- 45 children registered
- New BCCT venue for 2013
- Small community with limited catchment
- 3 regular volunteers

Great Dalby

- 40 children registered
- entered 1 team Kwik Cricket league in 2013
- 4 regular volunteers

Whissendine

- 40 children registered
- 5 regular volunteers

Grantham

- 34 children registered
- 3 regular volunteers

Knipton

- 124 children registered
- Club ran Kwik & hard ball U11s & U12s cricket teams in 2013
- Winter coaching ran winter 2013
- 5 regular volunteers

Long Clawson

- 48 children registered
- 6 regular volunteers

Melton Mowbray

- 56 children registered
- 1 Kwik & 2 junior teams entering Leicestershire leagues
- 3 junior players played for senior sides in 2013
- 6 regular volunteers

The Bees continue to be well received with positive feedback from parents and Cricket Clubs:

"I have been impressed by the dedication and expertise of the coaches in dealing with young players, when herding cats sometimes seems easier. All of the children have a huge amount of fun and most of them get completely bound up in the cricket, which is a result of the coaches' enthusiasm."

Richard Hedley – Bee's Parent

"I've made lots of new friends at coaching and I have learnt, to have fun, to play as a team, to try my hardest all the way through a game, to never give up and to have a treat in the pavilion at the end!"

Jonathan Hedley – Belvoir Bee

"To word it simply, The Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust has fuelled the Junior section of our Club. There had been no junior cricket at our club for over 23 years, leaving our club ageing and un-energised.

My son Ethan is a friendly and enthusiastic boy but he has Autism which affects the way he learns. He doesn't digest verbal instructions as other children of the same age will so the way the skills are demonstrated to him is important, this is something the coaches do very well. After four years of practice Ethan now plays in one of the Clubs newly formed junior teams and practises regularly. He spends lots of time with friends he has made at the Club and these friends have come from many other schools in the area. All of these things have boosted Ethan's confidence greatly. The effect the Trust has had doesn't stop there. I came along as a volunteer in the first weeks just wanting to help out but when our Club decided to send some of us on an ECB coaching course I found myself raising my hand. The first coaching course was a little tricky but I managed to pass. The Level two course was fascinating and great to accomplish."

Peter Hood – Bee's parent and volunteer



Ethan's Words: When I started I needed a bit more practice and now I am really good. I enjoy batting, bowling, wicket keeping and fielding."
"I get to play with my friends at the club
When I get older I want to play for the Notts OUTLAWS

In 2014, the Belvoir Bees project will continue at 7 venues. We plan to introduce grading, assessments and an award scheme. The sessions will also be used to further encourage volunteer engagement and community integration through the introduction of friendly, competitive cricket across the venues i.e. Bees Tournament.

To continue the development of junior cricket for 11+ the Trust will continue to work closely with local clubs in supporting them until they become self-sufficient in running their own junior cricket. The Trust will also support Belvoir Bees venues in working with the English and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and nurturing relationships with the regional ECB Boards to develop and grow these Cricket Clubs.



Cricket and Countryside School Days

1,688 children taking part in 19 days; 3,376 hrs of sports education and 4,220hrs of countryside education delivered.

- *helping schools to offer a varied curriculum and enthuse children about countryside and sports activities.*
- *giving the opportunity for city primary school children to visit the countryside*
- *introducing children to the game of cricket.*

The Trust aims to assist schools to be able to enhance the education of primary school children by bringing children to the countryside and offering them multi-activity days which will include sports & countryside education.

In the summer of 2013, a total of 32 schools visited, giving over 1,600 children 4½ hours of sports and countryside educational activities, learning about the countryside from local people such as the farmer, woodman, gamekeeper, huntsman, orienteering, birds of prey and gundog demonstrations. The days typically included 2 hours' sports education and 2½ hours of 'countryside education'.

With the support of Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland, the Belvoir Estate staff and local volunteers, over 266 hours of volunteer time was spent with the children.





In 2014 the Trust will:

- Continue to extend the reach of the Trust to include schools from within Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland, where the school days will be used to promote all the Bees venues.
- Look to partner with other similar organisations that deliver 'outside' education.
- Be working closely with schools to enhance the educational and lifestyle messages that are delivered and where possible look to twin schools from different backgrounds (i.e. small rural schools with larger, multi-cultural inner city schools).
- In addition to the live experience of the days the Trust are working towards producing 'follow-up' information on the day's activities for schools to be able to take away to further enhance their curriculum delivery of subjects that can be linked to the Countryside and Sports activities.
- The Trust are continuing to look to increase participation from rural and inner city schools in the days.



Teach Cricket Programme

123 children with 861 hours of high quality sports coaching across 7 weeks.

- Enhancing schools' sports curriculum delivery and after-school club provision
- Providing exit routes for children to continue with out-of-school sport.
- Providing CPD opportunities for school staff.

Our in-school programme works with rural schools to enhance their sports curriculum provision providing cricket opportunities for children.

Cricket is all inclusive and not only provides physical education but can also contribute to the curriculum in many ways:

- Physical education (playing cricket, learning skills)
- English (match reports, verbal communication)
- ICT (scoring, scorecards / books)
- Mathematics (scoring, run rates, strategy)
- Citizenship (rules, responsibility, teamwork and individual contribution, etiquette, strategy, diplomacy)
- Personal, social and health education (role models, active and healthy lifestyle)

During 2013 the programme was delivered in 6 Vale of Belvoir primary schools, all of which were outside the boundaries / catchment for the well-known Chance to Shine project.

Our programme was over a 7 week period, each school received weekly cricket coaching sessions during the summer.

The project was supported by The Cricket Society Trust who raise funds to:
“...broaden the horizons of those youngsters through understanding the values that cricket can bring to their lives... We are pleased to help Darren and his team develop programmes which will enhance opportunities for youngsters to appreciate how cricket can be both fun and educational.”

Ken Merchant, Trustee and Hon. Secretary,
The Cricket Society Trust

In 2014 we are looking to extend this project to more schools and include a tournament at the end of the programme.



313 youngsters taking part in 1,169hrs of active sport and 114hrs of countryside education.

- Kwik and Table Cricket Coaching and Cricket and Countryside School Days.
- giving youngsters with special needs the opportunity to play sport and learn new skills on a regular basis
- supporting Special Needs Schools to facilitate and provide active sport for their young people
- introducing children to the game of Kwik and Table cricket
- enhancing schools' sports curriculum delivery
- giving the opportunity for city primary school children to visit the countryside
- Providing CPD opportunities for school staff



In 2013 our in-school cricket coaching programme throughout the winter visited 9 schools' delivering 5 weeks of Kwik Cricket sessions from Trust Director Darren Bicknell. These were supplemented with Table Cricket at 6 of the schools that enabled children with severe physical disabilities to participate in cricket. The programme was delivered in partnership with Lords Taverners which culminated in a schools competition at Nottingham University supported by Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club which 5 schools attended.



The programme continued with these schools who were given the chance to take part in the Cricket and Countryside School Days at the Belvoir Estate during the summer. 5 schools visited giving 57 children 4 hours of sports and countryside educational activities, learning from local people such as the huntsman, birds of prey & gundog demonstrations. The days typically included 2 hours sports education and 2 hours of countryside education.

With the support of Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland, the Belvoir Estate staff gave 10 hours of volunteer time, spent with the children.

'The young people at school thoroughly enjoyed the table top cricket. It enhanced their hand eye co-ordination and fine motor skills within a healthy atmosphere of competition. They particularly enjoyed learning the various signals used by umpires! After finding a table top kit deep in the recesses of the storeroom, I introduced the game to the primary children which again went down exceptionally well.

Mark Lacey, Head of Nethergate Special Needs School in Clifton, Nottingham



- 74 volunteers delivered 1,173 volunteer hours

- involving adults in volunteering, enabling them to actively contribute to their local community.
- giving focused skills training for specific needs of the Trust projects – without getting hindered by administration/qualifications
- giving volunteers clear responsibility to help coach – without the administrative or responsibility burden associated with helping at a sports club (e.g. can you join the committee; will you ring around the parents; can you organise the fixtures; can you buy the cricket balls; etc.)

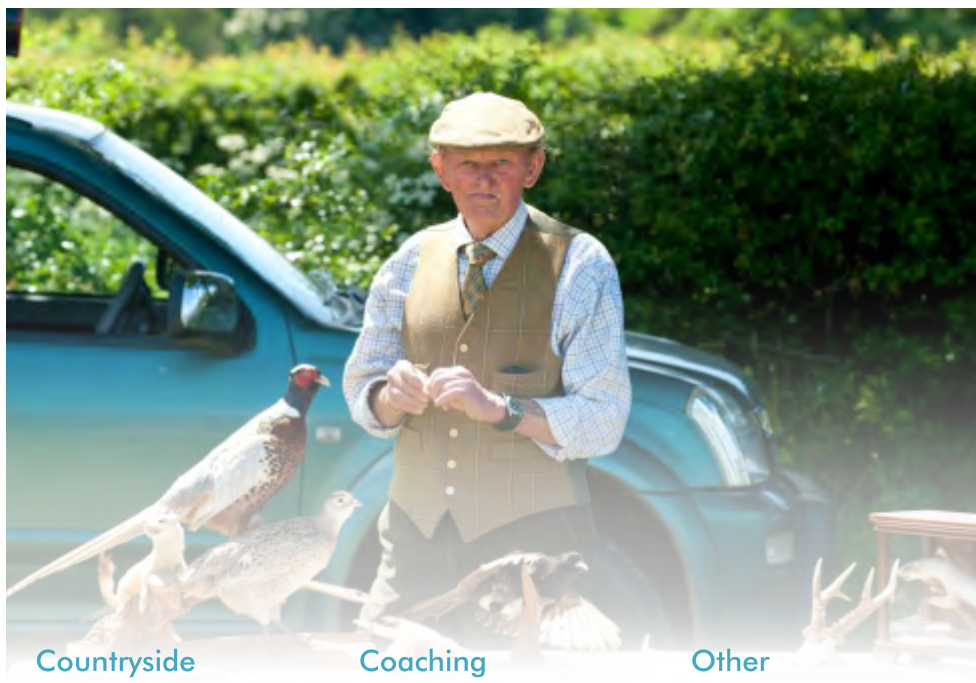
The scheme continues to be hugely successful with 74 volunteers (both coaching and education) from the local communities working in the Trust's projects in 2013.

The Trust Director delivers training workshops for our cricket volunteers to not only develop their knowledge of cricket but also their communication and teaching skills and techniques.

The Trust ensures that these volunteer hours are spent in direct contact with the children and not on administrative tasks. Additional volunteers have also come forward to help with fundraising and administration such as child registration at sessions.

In 2014 we will continue to increase our volunteer network through communication and actively engaging with the parents and local community, while continuing to develop lead coaches at each of the venues. We will also assist in developing and nurturing members of the local cricket clubs to enable those clubs to continue in the development of junior cricket.





Countryside

Anne Campbell-Lamerton
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 David Crossland
 George Grant
 George Pearce
 Gordon Clarke
 Harry Horton
 Jim Wiggins
 John Holliday
 John Shearon
 Kyle Burden
 Lady Sarah McCorquodale
 Pauline Shepherd
 Peter Bates
 Phil Burt
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 Richard Botterill
 Ron Wells
 Sophie Oliver
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 Tom West

Coaching

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 Carl Tew
 Charlie Lyle
 Chris Bates
 Chris Dickinson
 Clive Larson
 Darren Smith
 Eddie Pearson
 Greg Dyer
 John Mace
 John Sunderland
 Jonny Bingham
 Ken Kirk
 Lee Butler
 Lee Gurney
 Malcolm Edwards
 Marcus Hurrell
 Mark Gibbs
 Mark Goddard
 Martin James
 Max Everett
 Neil Tyers
 Nigel Dickinson
 Peter Hood
 Robert Hendy
 Rory Kerr
 Rosie Penford
 Rupert Smallshaw
 Sam Bicknell
 Stephen Henderson
 Tony Mould

Other

Alan Lockwood
 Andy Mitchell
 Charlotte Booth
 Claire Bicknell
 David Mitchell
 Emma Atkins
 Graham Swan
 Helen Himmons
 Julie James
 Kate Bates
 Megan Turner
 Nick Morgan
 Nicky Somerville
 Nina Coverley
 Peter James
 Rachael Thomas
 Stuart Nicol Photography
 Tony Abelwhite
 Vic Heppenstall
 Wendy Brown

Duchess of Rutland XI vs. MCC – 9th July 2013 at the Knipton Cricket Ground, Belvoir

The MCC continue to support the Trust in our efforts to involve more people in grass roots cricket. The annual cricket match took place on a beautiful sunny day at the delightful Knipton Cricket Ground in the grounds of Belvoir Castle with victory going to the MCC by a margin of 5 wickets. The game was followed by dinner in the state dining room at Belvoir Castle where the guests listened to tales from Charles Collingwood who plays Brian Aldridge in the world famous BBC Radio drama The Archers. The dinner was attended by approximately 100 MCC Committee, Officials, Members, Players and Guests and was hosted by Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland.



Golf Day – Thursday 12th September 2013, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham

Our annual Golf Day was held at Radcliffe on Trent and proved a great success. This year we raised £2,360 from the event and we were delighted that our great friend Graeme Swann played in the day and took part in a fun Q&A with trust Director Darren Bicknell. Our 5th running of the annual event was won by David Merton and his Fisher German Team. We have confirmed a date for Wednesday 10th September 2014.

Corporate 6-a-side event - Wednesday 4th September 2013, Knipton Cricket Ground

Our second 6-a-side cricket day played at Knipton cricket ground proved to be a great success. Four teams (Fisher German, Browne Jacobsen, Owzat Cricket and a Lord Kings team run by John Chatfield-Roberts) played out a hugely successful and fun day.

The format of 6-a-side matches, a stunning barbeque and afternoon tea proved to be a great hit and the teams that took part have already expressed a desire to return in 2014. The day raised £1,255. We aim to increase the day to 8 teams in its current format and the date is confirmed for Wednesday 3rd September 2014.



It was our friends from Owzat Cricket that ran out winners on a fantastic sunny September afternoon.

12-20 Belvoir Field Sports Club

This summer saw the development of the 12-20 Belvoir Field Sports Club, a project designed to introduce and teach children the ways of the Countryside. Fishing, Shooting, Hunting and Cricket are the core activities that the children between, 11-14 enjoyed along with Falconry, Gun Dog demonstrations, walking the Belvoir Hounds and tours of the castle along the way. 2 nights spent under canvas on the beautiful estate here at Belvoir led to a truly fantastic experience. The project is aimed at the children's development and also as a fund raiser for the Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust and will run again on the 28th to the 30th May 2014.



2014 Planned Events

- Belvoir Castle Charity Clay Shoot Thursday 1st May
- 12-20 Belvoir Field Sports Club 28th – 30th May
- MCC v Duchess of Rutland XI – held at Knipton Cricket Ground on the Tuesday 8th July
- BCCT Corporate 6-a side to be held at the Knipton Cricket Ground (Wednesday 3rd September)
- BCCT Charity Golf Day to be held at Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club on Wednesday 10th September
- Evening with Graeme Swann and Jonathon Agnew at Trent Bridge (date to be confirmed)

BELVOIR CASTLE CRICKET TRUST LTD

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 30th September 2013

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2013	Total 2013
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Charitable activities				
Cricket and Countryside Days	5,612	3,000	8,612	7,070
Belvoir Bees	6,488	1,560	8,048	17,699
Teach Cricket	-	3,731	3,731	1,000
Special Needs	-	5,700	5,700	5,000
Fundraising activities				
Cricket	9,730	-	9,730	8,580
Golf	4,324	-	4,324	4,666
Cricket Bat Willow	750	-	750	1,900
Celebrity Dinner	-	-	-	5,230
Charity Shoot	-	-	-	10,139
Other	804	-	804	283
Other grants and donations etc.	44,276	-	44,276	39,055
Bank Interest	34	-	34	46
Total incoming resources	72,018	13,991	86,009	100,668
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities				
Cricket and Countryside Days	16,126	3,000	19,126	18,797
Belvoir Bees	25,631	1,560	27,191	30,331
Teach Cricket	332	3,731	4,063	3,450
Special Needs	197	5,700	5,897	5,611
Fundraising activities				
Cricket	8,964	-	8,964	6,309
Golf	1,964	-	1,964	1,793
Cricket Bat Willow	250	-	250	250
Celebrity Dinner	-	-	-	3,589
Charity Shoot	-	-	-	-
Other	2,784	-	2,784	3,198
Marketing and promotion & Travel	9,882	-	9,882	7,384
Other expenses	4,802	-	4,802	3,183
Total resources expended	70,932	13,991	84,923	83,895
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	1,086	-	1,086	16,773
Total funds brought forward	22,657	-	22,657	5,884
Total funds carried forward	23,743	-	23,743	22,657
Represented by;				
Current Assets			28,778	27,592
Less - Liabilities			(5,035)	(4,935)
Net Assets			23,743	22,657

Full Copies of the Accounts are available at
www.charitycommission.org.uk or www.belvoircastlecrickettrust.co.uk

TRUSTEES' STATEMENT

The extract from the financial statements has been agreed by our independent examiner, Elliot Harris FCA, DChA, as being consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2013. These were prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice "Accounting and Reporting for Charities.2005"

This extract from the financial statements is not the full statutory financial statements and therefore may not contain sufficient information to enable a full understanding of the financial affairs of Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust Ltd. For further information the full Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts, and the full Independent Examiner's report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from the registered office. The full financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20th November 2013 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and Companies House.

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