



Edlesborough Community Sports Club C.I.O.

A charity registered in England No 1160939

Enhancing enjoyment of the village green



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- **Charities can only be formed if they can show they will further the public good.**
- That they meet this criteria is determined by the Charity Commission.
- ECSC C.I.O. is a new form of charity which acts like a limited company.
- Its “Directors” are called Trustees and are elected by existing Trustees.
- The Trustees are responsible for ensuring the charity fulfills its objectives.
- Only Trustees are “voting members” of the C.I.O.
- Others are classed as “associate members”.
- There is no such thing as a “Pavilion Club” or pavilion membership.



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The objectives agreed with the Charity Commission for ECSC C.I.O. are:

- *3.1 To further or benefit the residents of Edlesborough and the surrounding neighborhoods, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organizations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. in furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a community pavilion and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a building for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.*



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So, in summary, our required principal objectives are:

“To further or benefit the residents of Edlesborough and the surrounding neighborhoods by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organizations in a common effort to advance education”

*“To provide facilities in the interests of **social welfare** for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of **improving the conditions of life for the residents**”*



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To help us fulfill these principal objectives we can:

*In furtherance of these objects **but not otherwise**, the trustees shall have power:*

- *to establish or secure the establishment of a community pavilion*
- *to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a building for **activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.***



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ECSC C.I.O. has agreed a 25-year lease with EPC to further **“activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.”**

Accordingly, ECSC C.I.O. now allows its members and associate members to freely use of the pavilion for that purpose.





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So how are we trying to achieve our objectives?

- We are trying to encourage and promote community interaction, supported by regular events which include the sale of food and drink.
- We are trying to encourage more connection between the sports clubs and the sports clubs and the community.
- We have established a gym to promote physical wellbeing of the community.
- We, of course, fulfill our other objective which is to enhance enjoyment of the Green



But.....

The building was very late in completion, and we opened at the “wrong time” of year and during a pandemic.

Getting the building up and running made a big hole in our resources and the pandemic restrictions have made those very difficult to replace .

So, we can only afford one full time “manager” and must rely to a very large extent on volunteers, which severely limits what we can do.



How we pay for all this.....

We get income from:

- Fees from people using the gym
- Donations of various types
- Income from the bar
- Income from the sale of food
- Hire of rooms
- Hosting and supplying food and drink to “hospitality” events, wakes, parties etc

Most of these events must be “staffed” by volunteers and so we must judge whether they will be available.



What do we need going forward?.....

The pavilion is a lovely building, but it still needs work to make it a usable space such as:

- Addition of bicycle securing hoops
- Acoustic treatment of the club room
- Upgrade to the showers

Most urgently we need help from general volunteers and those willing to be trustees.

