

**Drapers Farm Sports Club**  
**Figures for year from 17/09/2018 to 16/09/2019**

Figures have been produced for the above period as they cover a full year from the start of a rugby season through to the end of a cricket season with the purpose of reviewing the income and expenditure for the relevant periods of use by the two clubs.

The year has been split as follows:

Rugby season – 17/09/2018 to the 19/04/2019

Cricket season – 20/04/2019 to the 16/09/2019

The dates have been worked out by using the last cricket match for the 2018 season and the first and last cricket matches for the 2019 season.

The overall result for the year shows that a deficit has been made of £13,332, which means that we have spent £13,332 more than we have received in income. The deficit for the rugby season is £7,156 and the deficit for the cricket season is £6,176. This deficit has been funded from the reserves built up during more successful years. This is a situation which cannot continue as the reserves have now been used up. The primary source of income for Drapers is the money spent over the bar and this has drastically reduced over the last three years. The bar sales for the 2017 accounting year were £84,225 whereas the bar sales for the 2019 accounting year were £59,632. To ensure that the situation is addressed going forwards we need to continue to encourage the members of both clubs to support the bar as the takings need to increase in order for Drapers to be able to cover its costs. The only other option is to ask the two clubs for contributions to cover the deficits being made.

Please note that if the bar sales had been maintained at their 2017 accounting year levels, Drapers would have only broken even for the period being reported upon, it still would not have made a surplus.

Going forwards the costs that Drapers are going to have to cover will increase substantially as when the new lease is sorted out, Drapers will become responsible for the work that is currently the responsibility of Maldon District Council. Some examples of this work are the mowing of the cricket outfield, the marking of the rugby pitches and the maintenance of the rugby training areas. We have been quoted the sum of £8,360, excluding VAT, for the work to be carried out. This additional expenditure is going to have to be funded from somewhere and the only realistic options are to either increase the bar sales or by the two clubs making substantial contributions to Drapers. As the efforts made by the clubs to endeavour to increase the bar sales have not meet with the support needed by their members, the only option that we are left with is to ask the two clubs for additional contributions.