

Chairman's Report 2025 - Giles Cooper

I am delighted to have recently taken over from Ian Sims as Chairman of the Club.

Ian joined the club in 2008, managing his son's then U7 team. In 2011, he joined the Committee as Minutes Secretary and stepped up to the role of Chairman in 2015. Ian oversaw a number of improvements at the Club, including the consolidation of girls' football, and he was also instrumental in securing the long-term lease of Cobham Recreation Ground. He also ensured, during his time as Chairman, that the Club continued to offer inclusive and affordable football opportunities to the local youth community; and a steady membership of around 400 players was maintained.

On behalf of everyone involved with Oxshott Royals, I would like to thank Ian for his efforts over the years and I'm very pleased that he will remain involved with Oxshott Royals as one of the Trustees of the Club

I became part of Oxshott Royals in 2019, managing the U9s Tigers team and subsequently the Lions team from U9s to U14s. I joined the Committee as Vice Chairman in 2023. My son is currently a member of the U14 Lions team. We are Woking FC season ticket holders and travel the country watching 'The Cards', Sheffield Wednesday and Fulham.

I am very excited to be part of Oxshott Royals; a fantastic community club with over 300 players, run by volunteers, which has continued to grow year on year from our formation in 1986.

However, I realise that as a Club we can't stand still; we always have to be looking at ways to improve the experience of players, manager, coaches and parents. In particular we want to improve our match day facilities / experience and to become a more social club with regular events and player / parent involvement.

Sponsors

Thank you to all our partners this season; your help has been very much appreciated:

- Ultimate Coaching
- Environ
- DAC Consulting
- Newmark
- Garsons

The Club is looking for new sponsors for all age groups from the 2025/2026 season.

Our aim is to keep membership costs as low as possible but the increasing costs of providing training and matches means that at present the club makes a small annual loss. If we want to improve all aspects of the Club, additional funding from sponsorship and fund raising is essential.

We would like to welcome Gareth Webb, whose daughter plays for the U9s, who has been appointed Sponsorship and Social Secretary.

We want to make the overall experience at Oxshott Royals as strong as possible on and off the pitch and improve funding for teams, club equipment, kit, and facilities/venue operations, with the potential for team tours and other experiences. Our website needs a full revamp and we want to be fully active on social media.

As such, we are offering businesses the chance to sponsor a single group within the club, such as Mini Kickers, girls, boys, or youth, or to become a prime partner and sponsor across the entire club.

Oxshott Royals has over 300 registered players with over 1,200 affiliate supporters/family members, playing across South-West London, Surrey and surrounding areas and is a great opportunity for businesses to partner. We are a registered charity and not run for profit so all funds raised are invested in the Club.

Volunteers

The Club cannot operate without volunteers and we would welcome new parents, family members and friends to step forward to help run operations. At present we have a very small Committee carrying out all tasks involved in the running of the Club but if we want to grow and improve, we need more people involved.

For example, it would be great to have parent representatives to liaise with local schools to streamline the recruitment of new players across all age groups. We would like to see parent representatives for each team and more social events and activities.

We also need dedicated volunteers for the following roles:

- Fixtures secretary
- Kit and equipment manager
- Treasurer
- Welfare officer
- Grounds manager
- Web-site manager

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity at the Club, please contact any of the Committee members.

Teams

For the 2024/2025 season, the Club had over 30 teams playing competitively on Saturdays and Sundays in all the major local leagues.

Congratulations to all our teams for their performances during the season, and I hope you enjoy reading about the highs and lows of each year group in this programme.

Of note:

- U7s Tigers had a successful first season, finishing strongly and are now enjoying playing together in Summer tournaments.
- U8s Lions won the annual Horsley Tournament, winning a tense penalty shoot-out, and were undefeated in five matches.
- U11s Lionesses had a strong season in the EEFYFL and look forward to moving to the 9v9 format next season.
- U13s Mavericks won the EEFYFL U13 Treasurer's Cup with a 4-1 victory in the final and also finished runners-up in their League.
- U14s Lions won the annual Old Coulsdon Colts Tournament in September, with a dramatic penalty shoot-out win in the final.

- U18s Lions enjoyed their final season playing Youth Football and leave after 11 seasons, having made lasting friendships.

A special thank you to all the managers and parents for running the teams during the season; I know as a manager that it can be exciting and frustrating in equal measure and involves a lot of time and organisation. If any managers need any help or guidance during the course of the season, please reach out to one of the Committee members.

It would be great if we could have greater attendance at our regular Club meetings; we want as much involvement and feedback from everyone as possible. This is a Football Club run by its members and we need full involvement to improve the experience for everyone.

Training, Development & Facilities:

The majority of our players have had regular weekly evening training during the course of the season provided by Ultimate Coaching at Cobham Rugby Club, Reeds School and Notre Dame School.

We appreciate that the artificial surface at Cobham Rugby Club is one of the best in the area and as such our aim is to have as many teams as possible either training or playing games at this facility.

We are currently in the final stages of extending our lease of Cobham Recreation Ground with Elmbridge Council and following this we will be eligible for FA grants to improve the facilities at the venue.

Cobham Rec is ideally situated for many of our members and provides us with either two 11 a side pitches or one 11 a side and one 9 a side pitch. The pitches naturally drain well and are flat, but they need some extensive work to bring them up to a better standard.

We are also looking at improving the pavilion and possibly introducing some kind of food and drink offer, but it is early days and we will need the Council's permission for these improvements to go ahead.

Final Word

Oxshott Royals continues to be a thriving community club for local girls and boys of all abilities. We want all our players to really look forward to training and matches, to enjoy being part of a team, competing well on match days and seeing their abilities improve over time, regardless of whether our teams win or lose.

Thanks to everyone who makes the Club run as smoothly as possible, including Club Secretary Liz Richardson, who carries out many vital roles at the Club, and the coaching team at Ultimate, who are dedicated and committed to improving standards and making football fun for everyone.

Congratulations on an enjoyable season and I hope you enjoy today.

Giles Cooper, Chairman.

Club Committee:

Chairman: Giles Cooper – 07900 271 299 / giles.cooper@crre.co.uk

Vice-Chairman: Dave Cullen

Club Secretary, Treasurer, Welfare & Fixtures Secretary: Liz Richardson

Sponsorship and Social Secretary: Gareth Webb

Head of Coaching: Scott Rimmer (Ultimate Coaching)

Oxshott Royals Football Club

Accounts

**For the year ended
31 May 2025**

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Accounts for the year ended 31 May 2025

Key Points

There is a small surplus on football activities for the year of £8,426 compared to a deficit of £22,456 last year.

- 1 Subscriptions coming into the football club decreased by 6% on last year, from £121K to £114K.
- 2 Total expenditure (including the club admin) for the year decreased by 26% (£37.7k) to £105.7k (larger variances are detailed below).
- 3 Presentation Day was again postponed into June, so some costs for both the 2024 and 2025 events were accrued in this financial year (though this year a saving was made on the cost of a printed programme by producing a digital programme).
- 4 The Club received donations of £42.25k - ringfenced to cover the club admin costs.
The Club incurred similar administration costs this year of £52.5k), so there was a shortfall of around £10K, though a further donation is expected in the next financial year.
- 5 The cost of providing weekly football/coaching support (including some football admin) decreased by 13% to £58k for the season, which is partly due to lower match day support costs and also slightly fewer teams playing this season (as reflected by lower income from subscriptions).
- 6 The Club did not provide playing kit for members this season and income from sponsorship also decreased by 74% to £2.3K.

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Balance Sheet

	As at 31 May 2025	As at 31 May 2024
	£	£
Opening funds	73108	100,950
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	2,700	(27,841)
Total Assets	<u>75,809</u>	<u>73,108</u>
Represented by:-		
Assets		
Cash at bank	75,809	73,108
Debtors	<u>75,809</u>	<u>73,108</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Total Assets	<u>75,809</u>	<u>73,108</u>

**Oxshott Royals Football Club
Income and Expenditure Account**

	Year ended 31 May 2025	Year ended 31 May 2024
Income	£	£
Subscriptions	114,143	120,953
Total Income	<u><u>114,143</u></u>	<u><u>120,953</u></u>
Expenditure		
Kit & Equipment		
Strips, balls, equipment etc	3,863	4,269
Playing kit		13,017
League and Regulatory		
Insurance	600	659
FA Fines	225	148
Registration Fees	2,589	2,233
Playing		
Pitch Hire	32,525	48,352
Referee Fees	2,081	1,755
Coaching Support and Football Admin	57,985	66,415
Managers Courses	-	-
	<u>92,591</u>	<u>116,522</u>
Events		
Marketing, advertising etc		
2024/25 Presentation Day	5,790	5,361
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Other		
Legal & Miscellaneous	60	1,200
Financial		
Transaction Fees		
Total Expenditure	105,717	143,409
Surplus / (Deficit) on football activities	<u><u>8,426</u></u>	<u><u>(22,456)</u></u>
Other Income		
Functions (net income)		
Presentation Day 2024/5	775	674
Donation (Club Admin)	42,250	35,000
Less: club admin	(52,506)	(52,628)
Pitch rental	1,200	900
Surrey FA Booster		1,550
HMCTS - Centralised	215	220
Sponsorship	2,340	8,900
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	<u><u>2,700</u></u>	<u><u>(27,840)</u></u>

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Oxshott Royals Football Club, Charity registration number: 1046469

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st May 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination.

I confirm that no matters have come to my attention that give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date: March 2026.