

BEDFORD SPORTS FOUNDATION

Charity No: 1052843

Company No: 02779201

BEDFORD SPORTS FOUNDATION

(A company limited by guarantee)

REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST AUGUST 2025

BEDFORD SPORTS FOUNDATION

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Company Information For the year ended 31st August 2025

Incorporated:	In England on 13 th January 1993
Registration Number:	02779201
Charity Number:	1052843
Principal Address:	c/o Bedford Sports & Hockey Centre Chester Road Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4HL
Trustees:	Mr M B McNulty Mrs A Brookes Mr M C Riley Mr S Sira (appointed 16 October 2025) Mr D M Appleton (appointed 16 October 2025) Ms R C Mason (appointed 16 October 2025)
Secretary:	Mrs A Brookes
Registered Office:	First Floor, Woburn Court 2 Railton Road Woburn Road Industrial Estate Kempston Bedfordshire MK42 7PN
Bankers:	Metro Bank
Solicitors:	Pictons 30 – 32 Bromham Road Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 2QD

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2025

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Trustees of the charity

The Trustees (who are also directors of Bedford Sports Foundation for the purpose of company law) during the period under review were as follows:

Mr M B McNulty
Mrs A Brookes
Mr M Riley
Mr S Sira (appointed 16 October 2025)
Mr D M Appleton (appointed 16 October 2025)
Ms R C Mason (appointed 16 October 2025)

As the company is limited by guarantee, no Trustees have any direct interests in the ownership of the company. Where the Trustee is a representative of a member, this is detailed above.

No Trustees received any remuneration for their services during the period or were reimbursed for expenses.

Objectives and activities

The main objects of the Charity are to benefit the public by promoting sport and recreational activities; to organise or provide assistance to enable those in educational establishments in the United Kingdom to play hockey and other games and sports; and to provide facilities for recreation and leisure for the benefit of the general public and others who have by reason of their age, youth, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, the need for such facilities.

Public benefit statement

Our main activities are described above. All our charitable focus is on promoting sport and recreational activities to further our charitable purpose is for the public benefit. The Trustees have had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on the public benefit of the Charity's activities.

Achievements and performance

Having planned the pitch refurbishment project since 2018, we finally gained funding and project approval in March 2025.

Having already tendered the Project in 2024, we were able to move swiftly and appoint contractors for a late spring start. Delivering new surfaces, shock pads, fencing and lighting upgrades, we have now FIH certified surfaces of the highest quality. Together with much volunteer work refurbishing the clubhouse and toilets, we have a facility fit for the next 20 years, and arguably the most impressive hockey facility with the far west of the Eastern Hockey region.

All project delivery and fundraising was managed by a small executive group acting entirely voluntarily – at considerable cost saving to the Centre.

Pitches have been certified to international standards – and we have already hosted Masters level International Teams, with both Home and European Nations booking an International Tournament in late spring 2026.

The Centre continues to operate at an almost full capacity during evenings and weekends – and our second phase training pitches will deliver a sustainable business plan going forward.

We are also finalising a revisionary lease with the Council to secure the site operation until 2057 and have sufficient succession planning in action to continue managed and effective operations through this period.

Having instigated swifter and better documented payments with contactless and direct payments aiding cashflow we were able to deliver pitch funding effectively.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2025

All support from the Trustees and volunteers is stable, with an additional three new Trustees supplementing the Management Team.

Financial review

Despite delivering a 750K Project, we still maintain significant cash reserves, sufficient to deliver phase 2 works with some additional fundraising. We should acknowledge Bedford Borough Council particularly for the largest grant.

We remain with good cash generation – in mind of the limited turnover of the operations – with no borrowings. All Revenue and Charity Commission reporting is maintained properly and timely – and the Trustees are reassured of the viability and sustainability of operation as a healthy going concern.

Plans for future periods

We have now completed phase 1 of the pitch refurbishment project and continue with negotiations and planning as:

- o A 25-year reversionary lease is being negotiated – with rewritten Heads of Terms being discussed presently to more adequately reflect operations:
- o An extended cage footprint and MUGA playing surface to benefit School use and targeted enclosed training zones:
- o Environmental improvements – including the new LED floodlighting (with consequent reduced light pollution and reduced running costs), possible heat recovery measures and improvements to support environmental sustainability – noting the new cage extension will comply with biodiversity net gain measures:
- o Support to Community groups to deliver a thriving resource hub for the local and wider Borough requirements.

Structure, governance and management

The company is limited by guarantee, incorporated on 13th January 1993. The Charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and obtained charitable status on 9th February 1996. The Charity is authorised to:

- Purchase or acquire such property as may be necessary to carry out its objectives.
- Borrow or raise money in such a manner and on such security as will further its objects.
- Invest and deal with the Charity's monies in a manner, which furthers its objects.

The Bedford Sports Foundation aims to comply with "Good Governance – A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector" published on behalf of the National Hub of Expertise in Governance in June 2005, and adequate control measures and reviews are operational to regularly review this.

The future of the centre continues to develop in new initiatives and the trustees anticipate the next few years to be both challenging and exciting in direction - though good Management and Governance has ensured the business plan and operations remain viable and sustainable.

Trustees are appointed and inducted in accordance with guidance in "Good Governance – A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector".

The Charity is governed by the Trustees and a Council of Management. Executive management is carried out by an Executive Committee, which meets quarterly. The members of these committees are detailed below.

Matthew Riley (Chair)
Stephen Cave (Centre Manager)
Brendan McNulty
David Farooqui

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are directors of Bedford Sports Foundation, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The report has been prepared having taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in the Companies Act 2006.



.....
Mr M Riley, Trustee
On behalf of Bedford Sports Foundation

15/1/26
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Date

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Bedford Sports Foundation for the year ended 31st August 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st August 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

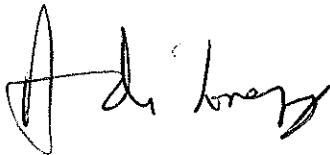
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date..... 21/01/2026

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Charitable activities					
Donations and gifts	2	36,159	688,603	724,762	23,562
Activities for generating funds:					
Trading activities	3	123,169	-	123,169	127,534
Total incoming resources		159,328	688,603	847,931	151,096
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
		49,268	18,442	67,710	57,668
Other expenditure					
		91,215	-	91,215	86,044
Total expenditure	4	140,483	18,442	158,925	143,712
Net income/(expenditure)					
before transfers		18,845	670,161	689,006	7,384
Transfers between funds		(35,880)	35,880	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(17,035)	706,041	689,006	7,384
Fund balances brought forward at 1st September 2024					
		128,339	60,841	189,180	181,796
Fund balances carried forward at 31st August 2025					
		111,304	766,882	878,186	189,180

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Company registration number: 02779201

Consolidated and Charity Balance Sheets as at 31st August 2025


	Notes	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7, 8	766,968	60,970	766,882	60,841
Investments	9	-	-	40,002	40,002
		<u>766,968</u>	<u>60,970</u>	<u>806,884</u>	<u>100,843</u>
Current assets					
Stocks		1,344	1,407	-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	10	105,531	4,623	101,358	4,023
Cash at bank and in hand		28,060	131,328	16,228	98,085
		<u>134,935</u>	<u>137,358</u>	<u>117,586</u>	<u>102,108</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(24,082)	(9,513)	(46,707)	(14,190)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>110,853</u>	<u>127,845</u>	<u>70,879</u>	<u>87,918</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>877,821</u>	<u>188,815</u>	<u>877,763</u>	<u>188,761</u>
Net assets		<u>877,821</u>	<u>188,815</u>	<u>877,763</u>	<u>188,761</u>
Funds:					
Unrestricted funds					
General funds		110,939	127,974	110,881	127,920
		<u>110,939</u>	<u>127,974</u>	<u>110,881</u>	<u>127,920</u>
Restricted funds		<u>766,882</u>	<u>60,841</u>	<u>766,882</u>	<u>60,841</u>
Total funds	13	<u>877,821</u>	<u>188,815</u>	<u>877,763</u>	<u>188,761</u>

For the year ending 31st August 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies regime, and were approved by the Board of Trustees on



 Mr M Riley, Trustee
 15/1/26

 Date

**Notes forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 31st August 2025**

1 Accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Bedford Sports Foundation is a private company limited by guarantee in England & Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the hire of sports facilities to local clubs, individuals and schools.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charity SORP (FRS102).

The statement of financial activities (SOFA) and balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The charity has availed itself of Paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 1 of the Small Companies and Groups (Accounts and Directors' Report) Regulations 2008 and adapted the Companies Act formats to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities. No separate SOFA has been presented for the charity alone as permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the company and rounded to the nearest £.

(b) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

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for the year ended 31st August 2025**

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on a floor area basis and other overheads have been allocated on the basis of the head count.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(e) Reserves policy

It is the aim of the Trustees to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover six months overhead expenditure.

(f) Investment policy

The investment policy is to only hold low risk investments, in order to safeguard the Charity's funds.

(g) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Astroturf Pitches	straight line (end of useful life July 2043)
Pavilion Building	straight line (end of lease Aug 2032)
Property Improvements	20% reducing balance
Fixtures & Fittings	20 - 25% reducing balance
Office Equipment	25% reducing balance

(h) Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

(i) Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing stock to its present location and condition. Cost is calculated using the first-in, first-out formula. Provision is made for damaged, obsolete and slow-moving stock where appropriate.

**Notes forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 31st August 2025**

2	Donations and gifts	2025	2024
		£	£
	Grant income - restricted	500,000	-
	Individuals - restricted	188,603	-
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		688,603	-
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	Individuals	23,315	10,993
	Gift aid income	7,189	8,129
	Other income	5,655	4,440
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		36,159	23,562
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3	Trading activities	2025	2024
		£	£
	Pitch hire	77,187	76,728
	Room hire	8,905	11,471
	Bar and food sales	37,077	39,335
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		123,169	127,534
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4	Total resources expended	2025	2024
		£	£
	Expenditure on charitable activities		
	Wages and support costs	41,565	38,919
	Governance costs	5,618	3,855
	Other expenditure	111,742	100,938
		<hr/>	<hr/>
	Total resources expended	158,925	143,712
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	Other direct costs include:	2025	2024
		£	£
	Governance costs (including expenses and benefits in kind):		
	Governance costs	5,618	3,855
	Depreciation – unrestricted	43	57
	Depreciation – restricted	18,442	13,791
		<hr/>	<hr/>
	Total other direct costs	24,103	17,703
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**Notes forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 31st August 2025**

5 Employees' & Trustees' remuneration

The average number of employees was 2 (2024: 1). No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000. No remuneration or benefits in kind were paid to any trustee during the year.

6 Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	36,824	34,614
Social security costs	3,732	3,239
Pension costs	1,009	1,065
	<u>41,565</u>	<u>38,919</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets (Group)

	Astroturf And Cricket pitches £	Pavilion Building £	Property Improvements £	Plant, Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 September 2024	330,549	104,434	112,476	51,379	598,838
Additions	674,834	-	41,649	8,000	724,483
Written off	(330,549)	-	-	-	(330,549)
At 31 August 2025	<u>674,834</u>	<u>104,434</u>	<u>154,125</u>	<u>59,379</u>	<u>992,772</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2024	330,549	102,975	65,751	38,593	537,868
Charge for year	2,699	181	12,230	3,375	18,485
Written off	(330,549)	-	-	-	(330,549)
At 31 August 2025	<u>2,699</u>	<u>103,156</u>	<u>77,981</u>	<u>41,968</u>	<u>225,804</u>
Net book value					
At 31 August 2025	<u>672,135</u>	<u>1,278</u>	<u>76,144</u>	<u>17,411</u>	<u>766,968</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>1,459</u>	<u>46,725</u>	<u>12,786</u>	<u>60,970</u>

**Notes forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 31st August 2025**

8 Tangible fixed assets (Charity)

	Astroturf And Cricket pitches £	Pavilion Building £	Property Improvements £	Plant, Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 September 2024	330,549	104,434	112,476	35,441	582,900
Additions	674,834	-	41,649	8,000	724,483
Written off	(330,549)	-	-	-	(330,549)
At 31 August 2025	<u>674,834</u>	<u>104,434</u>	<u>154,125</u>	<u>43,441</u>	<u>976,834</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2024	330,549	102,975	65,751	22,784	522,059
Charge for year	2,699	181	12,230	3,332	18,442
Written off	(330,549)	-	-	-	(330,549)
At 31 August 2025	<u>2,699</u>	<u>103,156</u>	<u>77,981</u>	<u>26,116</u>	<u>209,952</u>
Net book value					
At 31 August 2025	<u>672,135</u>	<u>1,278</u>	<u>76,144</u>	<u>17,325</u>	<u>766,882</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>1,459</u>	<u>46,725</u>	<u>12,657</u>	<u>60,841</u>

9 Fixed asset investments

	Loan to Subsidiary £	Investments In Trading Subsidiary £
Charity		
Cost as at 1st September 2024	40,000	2
Cost as at 31st August 2025	<u>40,000</u>	<u>2</u>

The loan to the subsidiary undertaking is repayable in full on 31st December 2032. Interest is charged on the loan at 5% per annum.

Subsidiary undertaking: Sport for Bedford Limited
Company registration number: 02816600 (incorporated in England & Wales)
Ordinary shares held: 100%

**Notes forming part of the financial statements
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10 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Trade debtors	825	110	-	-
VAT	100,059	1,431	97,654	1,421
Prepayments and other accrued income	4,647	3,082	3,704	2,602
	<u>105,531</u>	<u>4,623</u>	<u>101,358</u>	<u>4,023</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Trade creditors	4,774	4,631	515	1,211
Taxation and social security costs	940	-	-	-
VAT	-	741	-	-
Other creditors	170	302	-	-
Owed to group companies	-	-	29,427	11,429
Accruals and deferred income	18,198	3,839	16,765	1,550
	<u>24,082</u>	<u>9,513</u>	<u>46,707</u>	<u>14,190</u>

12 Security

A charge created 26 October 2007 was registered on a piece of land adjacent to Westfield Middle School together with the pavilion erected thereon by Bedford Borough Council.

13 Statement of funds

Funds	At 1 September 2024 £	Funds transfer	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2025 £
General reserve	128,339	(35,880)	159,328	(140,483)	111,304
Total unrestricted funds	<u>128,339</u>	<u>(35,880)</u>	<u>159,328</u>	<u>(140,483)</u>	<u>111,304</u>
Restricted funds:					
Pitches	-	(13,769)	688,603	(2,699)	672,135
Pavilion	1,459	-	-	(181)	1,278
Improvements to centre	59,382	49,649	-	(15,562)	93,469
Total restricted funds	<u>60,841</u>	<u>35,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,442)</u>	<u>766,882</u>
Total funds	<u>189,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>847,931</u>	<u>(158,925)</u>	<u>878,186</u>

The General reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes. The Pitches and Pavilion fund has been set up to fund the costs of improvement work at the centre, which have been capitalised and are being depreciated over their expected useful life. The Improvements to the centre fund was set up to fund the study centre improvements which have been capitalised and are being depreciated over their expected useful life.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2025

14 Analysis of group net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 August 2025 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	766,882	86	766,968
Current assets	-	134,935	134,935
Current liabilities	-	(24,082)	(24,082)
Total net assets	<u>766,882</u>	<u>110,939</u>	<u>877,821</u>