



**St. Albans City Youth
Football Club**

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

For The Year Ended

30th June 2025



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT **Report to the Trustees of St Albans City Youth FC** **(Charity No 1089343)**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the above Charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

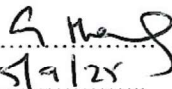
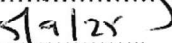
Independent examiner's statement

The Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the financial statements did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed 
Date 
Gary Heywood A.C.A
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT **For the year ended 30th June 2025**

St Albans City Youth Football Club ("the Club") is a registered Charity with registration number 1089343. The Charity was established as an Association by a Constitution dated 4th November 2001.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

S Mardle (Chairman)
I Woods (Secretary)
R Baker (Treasurer)
A Childs
K Hancock
H Hearn
S Kropman
L Levy
D Pisharody
N Robinson (resigned 27th June 2025)
D Ryan
G Watts

Objectives

The Clubs objectives are:

1. To organise or provide or assist in the organisation or provision of facilities which will enable boys and girls up to the age of 18 years of age (for disability groups 25 years) resident in St Albans and the surrounding area ("the area of benefit") to play football and organised sport ensuring that due attention is given to the physical, personal and educational development of such boys and girls and to the development and occupation of their minds.
2. To further other charitable purposes, particularly in the area of benefit, as the Executive Committee of the Charity may from time to time decide.

Achievements and performance

The Club's numerous footballing achievements and awards can be viewed on our website www.cityyouthfc.com which also gives a wealth of other information concerning the Club Structure, Constitution, Ethos and detailed Community Club Development Plan. We are also active across social media; on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The Club is proud to have received the highest accreditation from Hertfordshire FA once again.



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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued) **For the year ended 30th June 2025**

The Club has been providing youth football in St Albans since 1971 and for season 2024/25 had over 1,300 players registered in 92 teams in the age range of 7 - 18 years. We are delighted with our record number of 32 girls' teams, as we continue to promote and drive girls' football.

The Club's Inclusive Section (aimed at 7 and above) continues to thrive with 10 teams playing at various levels during the season. As a Trustee group, we have agreed that our aim within the next year is to provide further support to help this section develop. Players older than 25 are able to join or remain with the group providing they contribute by helping the younger members. We are extremely grateful to our Inclusive Coordinator, who has developed this Section markedly since coming into post.

During the year, the Club transferred the responsibility for the running of a number of holiday and after school clubs and other community projects to St Albans City FC. The Club continues to provide coaching for approximately 150 boys and girls aged 9 and under on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the football season. These activities are managed by our Football Development Manager.

During the year, our Commercial Manager was able to secure grants, sponsorship and additional funding from numerous local companies. This funding has enabled the Club to continue to grow as well as being able to offer a better range of services to the local community at the lowest possible cost to players and parents. The Trustees would like to express their thanks to these companies for all of their support.

Alongside the people mentioned above, the Club employs a further two people. Our Operation & Technology Manager, working alongside our Assistant Operations Manager have continued their great work this year – implementing processes to ensure the best possible experience for our members, while also once again leading on the delivery of our fantastic Presentation Day and revered annual Small-Sided Tournament. Since the year end, as the club continues to grow, we are pleased to welcome on board an Administration Assistant to help all of our employees and other volunteers.

I want to thank all of our permanent employees and volunteers for their work once more this year - through numerous challenges their commitment is unwavering.



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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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This year will be my last as Chair, as I pass over the mantle at the next AGM. I have been privileged to be Chair of this amazing charity over the last few years – and look forward to seeing the growth continue.

Financial review

The Club has adopted the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

The Club's financial activities are summarised in the attached financial statements.

For the year ended 30th June 2025 the financial statements show a surplus for the financial year of £809 (2024 deficit - £44,530). This figure is after allowing for depreciation of the Club assets. The Total Charity Fund stands at £325,711 (2024 – £324,902).

The policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to enable the Club to continue its footballing activities should income and other fundraising activities fall short of expectation. The Trustees determine that, given future likely needs, the minimum cash balance should be £100,000. At 30th June 2025, our cash reserves were £176,717 (2024 - £152,749)

Contact name and address

Any queries in respect of the financial statements, annual report or the Club's activities should be addressed to the Chair of Trustees:

Mr. S Mardle
19 Panxworth Road,
Hemel Hempstead
HP3 9HQ.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S Mardle'.

S Mardle – Chair of Trustees
1st September 2025



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 30th June 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Football teams related income	3	418,285	361,710
Other activity income	4	80,688	135,081
Bank interest received		6,383	2,110
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		505,356	498,901
 RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Football teams' expenditure and management	5	448,616	462,887
Other activity expenditure	4	55,931	80,544
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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		504,547	543,431
 NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		809	(44,530)
 FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		324,902	369,432
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FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	6	325,711	324,902
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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th June 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Licences	8		133,040		142,920
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	9	12,800		12,800	
Debtors	10	42,730		60,832	
Cash at bank and in hand	11	176,717		152,749	
		<u>232,247</u>		<u>226,381</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	12	(39,576)		(44,399)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>192,671</u>		<u>181,982</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>325,711</u>		<u>324,902</u>
REPRESENTED BY THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	6		<u>325,711</u>		<u>324,902</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on


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R Baker – Treasurer
1st September 2025



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30th June 2025

1) Basis of preparation

- a) Basis of accounting
These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:
- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102);
 - And with Accounting Standards;
 - And with the Charities Act.

The accruals basis has been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

No changes have been made to financial statements for previous years.

2) Accounting Policies

- a) Incoming Resources
- i. Recognition of incoming resources
These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
 - the Charity becomes entitled to the resources;
 - the Trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources;
 - and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
 - ii. Incoming resources with related expenditure
Where incoming resources have related expenditure the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
 - iii. Grants and donations
Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
 - iv. Tax reclaims on donations and gifts
Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate and when the Trustee are virtually certain they will receive the resources.
 - v. Investment income
This is included in the financial statements when receivable.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30th June 2025

2 Accounting Policies (continued)

- b) Expenditure and Liabilities
 - i. Liability recognition
Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to pay out resources and the Charity becomes entitled to the resources;
 - ii. Grants with performance conditions
Where the Charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
 - iii. Grants payable without performance conditions
These are only recognised in the financial statements when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the Charity.
- c) Assets
 - i. Licences
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Licenses are amortised over the length of the license on a straight line basis.
 - ii. Stocks
Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The Club maintains a pool of football kit and stocks, which is reviewed annually. Any material change in the cost or net realisable value is accounted for in the SoFA.
- d) Going concern
 - i. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30th June 2025

3. Football teams related income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Registration fees	315,492	262,153
Sponsorship	41,345	38,157
Grants and donations	38,658	38,939
Presentation day and related income	7,178	7,383
Gift aid	15,612	15,078
	418,285	361,710

4. Other activities

	2025			2024		
	Income	Expenditure	Total	Income	Expenditure	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tea bar	3,402	772	2,630	2,565	685	1,880
Community coaching	35,689	35,332	357	68,151	41,614	26,537
Soccer camps	11,609	7,920	3,689	30,453	22,993	7,460
Six a side	17,204	8,199	9,005	13,771	7,553	6,218
Other fundraising	12,784	3,708	9,076	20,141	7,699	12,442
	80,688	55,931	24,757	135,081	80,544	54,537



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30th June 2025

5. Football team expenditure and management

	2025	2024
	£	£
Match pitch hire	52,625	48,488
Training pitch hire	86,267	84,151
Players' kit and equipment	91,092	80,473
Managers' expenses	29,849	24,087
Maintenance of pitches and goalposts	22,779	33,904
Safeguarding and coaching courses	8,413	9,875
Presentation day and related expenses	12,531	18,693
League affiliation fees	12,368	13,422
Fines	894	1,531
General expenses	2,668	2,683
Insurance	2,594	2,681
Business management and administration	107,228	126,354
IT costs and equipment	2,272	1,052
Bank charges	7,156	5,613
Amortisation	9,880	9,880
	<u>448,616</u>	<u>462,887</u>

6. Total Charity funds

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance brought forward	324,902	369,432
Movement in the year	809	(44,530)
	<u>325,711</u>	<u>324,902</u>

The Trustees consider that the total funds of the Charity form an unrestricted fund in that there is no legal restriction in the application the Fund.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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7. Employees

The average monthly number of persons employed by the Charity was 4 (2024: 5). The aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries	107,200	127,990
Social security costs	4,955	6,820
Pension costs	2,803	3,214
	114,958	138,024

These costs are allocated as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Business management and administration	107,228	126,354
Community related activities - coaching	7,730	11,670
	114,958	138,024



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) **For the year ended 30th June 2025**

8. Fixed assets – Licenses

	<u>Highfield Park</u> £	<u>Nicholas Breakspear</u> £	<u>Samuel Ryder</u> £	Total £
Cost				
At 01.07.2024	98,032	110,000	45,000	253,032
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 30.06.2025	98,032	110,000	45,000	253,032
Amortisation				
At 01.07.2024	46,512	52,800	10,800	110,112
Charge for the year	3,680	4,400	1,800	9,880
At 30.06.2025	50,192	57,200	12,600	119,992
Net book value				
At 30.06.2025	47,840	52,800	32,400	133,040
At 30.06.2024	51,520	57,200	34,200	142,920

The licences, for the use of the football pitches and training facilities, are being written off in equal annual instalments over the length of the agreement.

9. Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Football kits	6,200	6,200
Samba goals and parts	3,600	3,600
Defibrillators	2,000	2,000
Stored equipment	1,000	1,000
	12,800	12,800

The stocks have been identified and revalued to reflect the current position.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 30th June 2025

10. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	42,730	60,832
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11. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank current account	9,353	11,781
Bank bonds and deposit accounts	167,364	140,968
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	176,717	152,749
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12. Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income	24,009	15,254
Accruals	15,567	29,145
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	39,576	44,399
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13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No Trustee received any remuneration or benefit in kind during the years ended 30th June 2024 or 30th June 2025 for their work as a trustee. In the normal course of the Charity's activities, Trustees were reimbursed for expenses that they incurred on behalf of the Club.

14. Independent Examiner's remuneration

The Independent Examiner received no remuneration during the years ended 30th June 2024 or 30th June 2025.

15. Capital commitments

In May 2021, the Club, in partnership with the Football Foundation, committed to a 6-year pitch improvement program. The total costs of the programme will be £152,424. The Club is expending these costs on a straight line basis over the course of the project. The Football Foundation has agreed to fund £66,200 towards the cost of these improvements.