

Registered Charity Number: 1093380

Rossendale United Junior Football Club
Report and Accounts
For the Year Ended
31 May 2023

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Charity Information

Registered Charity Number: 1093380

Registered Address: 1 Crofters Bank
Loveclough
Rossendale
Lancashire
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Trustees: Brian Johnston (Chairman)
Christopher Shufflebottom
Helen Edge

Rossendale United Junior Football Club

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 May 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 May 2023.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives are to advance the education of young people up to the age of 18 by providing opportunities and facilities for playing soccer and other games and sports so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

The Charity operates for the furtherance of these objects through the playing of and coaching in association football. The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

The Charity is proud of maintaining its status as a FA Charter 'Development' Standard Club. It has extensive partnerships across the football spectrum and community offering football to youngsters from 5/6 years of age up to 18 years of age. There are 16 teams/squads in total at the following ages: U7 (1 squad), U8 (1 squad), U9 (1 squad), U10 (2 squads), U11 (1 squad), U12 (3 squads), U13 (2 squads) U14 (2 squads) U15 (2 squads) and U16 (1 squads).

Every one of these teams from Under 7s to Under 16s have qualified managers, coaches, assistants and volunteers who are responsible for supporting their allocated squad. In total, over [30] qualified volunteers support the club's activities.

Achievement and performance

After 30 years of valued service to the charity Derek Boyden stepped down as chairman of Rossendale United Junior Football club. Derek had been instrumental in forming the club as Waterfoot Juniors in the 1980s, before merging the club with Rossendale United. We thank Derek for the tremendous amount of time and effort he has devoted to the club throughout his tenure and wish him all the best in his retirement. Chris Shufflebottom, one of our fellow trustees, was also given a prestigious 50 year award for his work as groundsman and maintaining our home pitches.

This year has once again provided so many enjoyable experiences for so many which is testament to all of our volunteers with the Club who have all yet again worked tremendously hard in the best interests of Rossendale United Junior Football Club.

On the football front all our teams have developed, enjoyed their football and camaraderie that playing in a team brings.

Financial Review

During the year, both membership fees and expenditure returned to levels experienced pre-Covid 19. Despite the increase in membership fees the charity generated a deficit of (£6,456) (2022 deficit of £5,822) from total income of £33,718 (2022 £40,495) largely due to reduction in grants and sponsorship income. Expenditure reduced during the year £40,148 (2022 £46,318) as the prior year was impacted by a delayed start to the season and included the

provision of extended training sessions over the summer with a resultant increase in facility hire costs.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in

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funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways of securing additional funding. This, as always, is subject to seasonal variation.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution adopted 10 July 2000 as amended 2 July 2001, 10 June 2002, 6 December 2002 and 26 November 2020.

Brian Johnston was appointed as a trustee on 15 March 2023, to replace the retiring chairman, Derek Boyden. The two other trustees who served during the year were Christopher Shufflebottom and Helen Edge.

For a person to be recruited and appointed as a trustee they must be aged 16 years or older and have no conflicting interests with those of the charity. Trustees are appointed and re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

All volunteers must undergo background checks to reassure parents that volunteers are above doubt.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on

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Mr Brian Johnston
Chairman

Rossendale United Junior Football Club

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Rossendale United Junior Football Club (Charity no. 1093380) on the Accounts for the year ended 31 May 2023 set out on pages 4 and 5;

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and have elected to prepare the accounts on a receipts and payments basis under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act ;
- follow all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out In accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address:

Date

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 May 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Signing on fees and weekly subs	29,907		30,856	
Grants & Donations	1,431		1,746	
Sponsorship	2,182		6,992	
Sale of equipment	28		880	
Misc.	128		21	
		33,693		40,495
PAYMENTS				
League Fees & fines	4,208		2,753	
Pitch expenses & machinery	8,946		3,425	
Trophies & Presentation expenses	1,235		1,823	
Insurance	1,111		629	
Kit & equipment	8,664		13,862	
Managers' course fees	648		1,133	
Covid-19 compliance costs	-		20	
Training & coaching (inc. pitch hire and refs fees)	13,975		20,825	
Bank charges	495		595	
Misc.	867		1,252	
		40,149		46,317
(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(6,456)		(5,822)
Transfers between Funds				
Cash funds at start of year		21,172		26,994
Cash funds at end of year		14,716		21,172

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year Ended 31 May 2023

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds:				
Bank account	14, 716		21, 172	
		14, 716		21, 172

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on:

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Mrs Helen Edge Treasurer