

Registered Charity Number: 1093380

Rossendale United Junior Football Club
Report and Accounts
For the Year Ended
31 May 2025

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Charity Information

Registered Charity Number: 1093380

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

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 May 2025

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objectives are to provide opportunities for children aged four through to adults to play football, deliver inclusive football programmes for players with disabilities, and promote community participation in healthy recreation through football.

Public Benefit Statement

In planning our activities for the year, the trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The club provides facilities for healthy recreation for a wide cross-section of the local community. While membership fees are charged to cover costs, the club maintains a policy to provide discounted membership to families in financial difficulty to ensure no child is excluded due to financial hardship.

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 4 years of age up to 18 years of age. There are 12 teams/squads in total at the following ages: U8 (1 squad), U9 (1 squad), U10 (1 squad), U11 (1 squad), U12 (2 squads), U13 (1 squad), U14 (2 squads), U15 (1 squad), U16 (1 squads) and U18 (1 squad).

Every one of these teams from Under 8s to Under 18s 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.

A significant milestone this year was the establishment of a dedicated Special Educational Needs (SEN) programme. In line with the Charity's objective to deliver inclusive football for players with disabilities, the Club has committed to providing these weekly sessions entirely free of charge. This initiative ensures that financial circumstances do not act as a barrier to participation, providing a safe, supportive, and fun environment where children of all abilities can develop their skills and confidence.

Achievement and performance

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

Results for the Year

The Charity's total income increased to £78,473 (2024: £42,291). This significant 86% increase is primarily due to a £25,856 grant received specifically for the purchase of essential ground maintenance equipment.

Underlying subscription income rose by 5% to £36,253 (2024: £34,396). Following a review in the previous period, the trustees implemented a subscription increase to address rising operational costs and ensure long-term sustainability. This resulted in a surplus for the year of £4,584, reversing the deficit of (£3,631) from the prior year.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level equivalent to between three and six months of expenditure (approximately £9,000 to £18,000 based on current activity). This ensures the charity can continue its activities in the event of a significant drop in funding. At 31 May 2025, the trustees are satisfied that reserves are held within this target range.

Risk Management

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.

Trustees and Committee

The trustees who served during the year were:

- Brian Johnston (Chairman)
- Christopher Shufflebottom
- Helen Edge (Treasurer)

The Trustees are supported by an **Executive Committee** which oversees welfare, coaching, and communications. Trustees are appointed or re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The club adheres to the Football Association (FA) Safeguarding policies and all coaches and volunteers undergo mandatory DBS background checks to ensure a safe environment for all participants.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received any remuneration, benefits, or other compensation for their services during the year. No trustees were reimbursed for personal expenses, other than direct reimbursements for goods purchased on behalf of the charity.

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 (Registered Charity Number 1093380) on the accounts for the year ended 31 May 2025 set out on pages 4 and 5;

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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: Anthony Richardson

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: ICAEW

Address: Olive Mount, Woodlea bank, Rossendale, BB4 7BD

Date

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 May 2025

	Not e	2025	2024
		£	£
RECEIPTS			
Signing on fees and weekly subs		36,253	34,396
Grants & Donations	1	27,081	1,700
Sponsorship		3,358	5,910
Events income		4,111	-
Sale of equipment		195	72
Gift aid		7,137	-
Misc.		338	214
		<u>78,473</u>	<u>42,291</u>
PAYMENTS			
League Fees & fines		3,966	6,347
Pitch expenses & machinery	1	30,648	3,011
Trophies & Presentation expenses		5,348	1,258
Insurance		760	723
Kit & equipment		5,866	9,258
Managers' course fees		5,323	4,328
Training & coaching (inc. pitch hire & refs fees)		19,572	20,035
Bank charges		716	531
Misc.		1,690	433
		<u>73,889</u>	<u>45,922</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>4,584</u>	<u>(3,631)</u>
Cash funds at start of year		11,085	14,716
Cash funds at end of year		<u>15,669</u>	<u>11,085</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year Ended 31 May 2025

	Unrestrict ed funds £	2025 Restrict ed funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
1. Cash funds				
Bank account	11,593	4,076	15,559	11,085
Total Cash funds	11,593	4,076	15,669	11,085
2. Assets Retained for Charity's Own Use funds		Fund	Cost/ Value £	
Grounds maintenance equipment		Mixed (see Note 1)	27,648	

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 : Restricted Funds

During the year, the charity received a restricted grant of £25,856. The terms of the grant allocated 75% of the funding (£19,392) as a contribution towards the purchase of ground maintenance equipment, with the balance to be spent on pitch maintenance (fertiliser).

Total expenditure on the ground maintenance equipment was £27,648, funded by the £19,392 grant allocation and £8,256 from the club's unrestricted funds.

At the year end, £4,076 of the grant remains unspent and is held as restricted cash funds to be utilised for future fertiliser and pitch maintenance costs.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on:

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Mrs Helen Edge
Treasurer