

Charity Registration Number 1096613



Larkspur Rovers Football Club

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year

End 30th April 2023

Larkspur Rovers Football Club

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Larkspur Rovers Football Club

Also Known as LRFC

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Number 1096613

Trustees:

Ron Durrant Chairman

Jeanne Illsley Treasurer

Alan Rayner Secretary

A Thomas Trustee – Resigned 15.09.22

Andrea Gooden Trustee – appointed 15th September 2022

The recruitment and appointment of new Trustees is done by election by our members

Principle office

Larkspur Rovers Football Club

Lord Halsbury Memorial Playing Field

Priors Farm Lane

Northolt

Middlesex

UB5 5FE

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of Charity

The charity is controlled by its constitution adopted on 11/11/2002

Amended 18/06/2007

Amended 20/06/2012

LRFC is an unincorporated association

Trustees are elected by Club Members

LRFC is affiliated with The FA together with Middlesex County FA and Harrow Youth Football League. Teams are entered for Cup competitions with Middlesex County and Surrey FA.

All volunteers are DBS checked and have completed Safeguarding training.

LRFC is run on a voluntary basis only, there are no paid staff members.

Objectives of the Charity

The Charity's objectives are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of opportunities and facilities for the playing principally, but not exclusively, of association football and other activities that promote social cohesion and community wellbeing for the public benefit.

Main Activities:

Youth football development (U7 to U11)

Youth football (U12 to U18)

Women's Senior football (GLWFL)

Girl's football

Men's Senior football

Veteran's football

Exercise through football

Wildcats Centre

Youth Academy



Annual General Meeting 2022/2023

Annual Report

Over the past year the club has continued to fulfil its charity objectives to promote the fitness, advance the education and facilitate the social development of around 120 boys between 5 and 16, 80 seniors, 40 girls/ladies and 20 veterans through healthy participation in the game of Association Football.

The Senior teams continue to demonstrate that the club is able to offer youth players the opportunity to keep playing once they go beyond 18 years of age.

Larkspur is a club that tries not to pursue a win at all costs strategy, our aim is to provide opportunities for people who want to take part in football to be able to do so and hopefully at a level that best suits them, so they play rather than sit on the bench. 11 teams started this season, and our nursery is growing on a weekly basis we aim to grow further in the coming seasons. Congratulations to Damon and Kurt and their players whose teams won their respective divisions this season.

This is the 10th year at Lord Halsbury and we will need all of our members help to help with the upkeep of the clubhouse and the grounds.

The AGP is still a significant advantage and other clubs that visit are highly impressed with the quality of the facilities that we are lucky enough to have, still as last year I am not sure that our own members still yet appreciate them and the efforts that have to be taken to keep them clean, presentable, and useable. A greater number of people willing to help when help is asked for would be of enormous benefit to the club moving forward.

With the previous financial year ended there is still a minority of members who have not paid their 2022/23 subscriptions which is inequitable for those who did pay and which puts pressure on the club's finances. Those members will need to settle any outstanding balance before signing on for the 2023/24 season.

We still run veterans sessions on a Monday night and these are not exclusive to members, these sessions are still well supported, we have also just started ladies sessions again on a Monday.

For 2022/23 season we have made a minor increase in the membership fee and they are now £270. We have made this increase as we have a lot of overheads with running the clubhouse and the AGP and the upkeep of the pitches, the new forms have been passed on to the managers and they in turn should have been passed on.

Please ask your parents to fill in the Gift aid part of the form as this is vitally important, it has no impact on your personal tax affairs but means the club can claim money back from HMRC.

None of what we have comes free and the club is under considerable scrutiny to make sure it delivers on its promises linked to the funding received to develop the sports provision on the Lord Halsbury site. If the effort is left to too few people the risk of failure becomes heightened. Please help the trustees deliver against the business and development plans by making sure you pay your subscriptions on time and help with the running of the club when you are able.

Never forget Larkspur Rovers F.C is a club run by its members for its members and its strength lays in the collective not just the efforts of one person.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers that have helped the club through the last year your help is very much appreciated, also a massive thank you to the committee who have kept the club running as smoothly as possible without these members the club wouldn't survive.

Special mentions to Jeanne and Andrea who work tirelessly for the club.

I will again do my best in the coming year to fulfil my role as club Chairman.

Ron Durrant

2022/23

Larkspur Rovers F. C.

Lord Halsbury Memorial Playing Field,

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Starting on a positive note, the Club has received over £8,000 in sponsorship in the past season, this includes £6,036 from the Football Foundation part of the 6-year pitch improvement grant. The Club continues to be registered with Prize Provision to help raise much needed extra income. The remainder was received from individuals who kindly donated money to the Club.

As in previous years we continue to actively seek grants from other sources, for example the Football Foundation. This helps with the upkeep of the pitches and purchasing new equipment.

Despite a contribution of £6,036 from the Football Foundation this season, expenditure on pitchwork as part of the project, the Club spent an additional £9,700 on this work. Planned maintenance on grass pitches was £6,800 and upkeep of the AGP was almost £3,000.

Gift Aid was claimed for the previous season from HMRC and we received £5,700. A good way for the Club to raise additional funds is through Gift Aid. Gift Aid is a scheme available to charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs). It means we can claim extra money from HMRC. The charity or CASC can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you pay to the Club. There is a section on the membership form to sign up to this, as long as you've paid the basic rate of tax the Club can reclaim this money.

The Club has also managed to purchase dugouts at a cost of £4,910.

Unfortunately, despite careful planning, some subs were paid later than expected, although ultimately, we were able to collect the amounts planned for. Again, for this coming financial year it is important that membership payments are made in a regular and timely way and all members will be reminded of this when signing up for the coming season. As before for the coming season the preferred methods of payment will be directly to the Club bank account, also by card payment at the Club and, where neither of these two methods are possible, by cash. Payments made directly to the account and now more important than ever as Charity Accounts now have to pay bank charges on all transaction made over the counter.

Like last year, the increase in the cost of all utilities, especially electricity has hit the Club quite hard. The total cost for the 2022/23 season was £17,000 for electricity, gas and water.

In the summer a fundraising day was held at the Club in memory of Stuart Dixon and Lee Fowler, two members of our Club who sadly passed away. This enabled the Club to make donations of £500 to The British Heart Foundation and £500 to Macmillan Cancer Care. The Club also purchased two benches in their memory, plaques are currently being ordered for these.

Jeanne Illsley
Treasurer



LARKSPUR ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

SECRETARY's REPORT

Thank you for appointing me as your new club secretary, for those who do not know me I've been at the club for 15 years, I started off as parent on the side line help out in any way I can, from doing the pitches running the slid lines you name it I've done it. I have grown within the club as a coach a welfare office, head of youth and now secretary. I hope to continue to help the growth of adults and youth football within our club.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Ron our chairman for giving me the opportunity to thrive within in the club and allowing me to find what I loved to do which is be a part of Larkspur Rovers Fe and giving opportunities for children to succeed in their football pathway whatever their starting point maybe.

We have now recruited new board members with more members still to be needed to stand on the board. If you are interested on taking up any roles within the club, please let us know. Any training will be provided free of charge to you, and the more we can have volunteers wearing only "one hat", the better it will be for them and all in the Club.

Over the past year for youth selection, we have retained our numbers of young players to larkspur rovers FC and building a strong foundation and pathways for our youth football, with our team showcasing that we are building on this with our u13 winning division 4 and U14red winning division 2, our u8 team also set the standard for of how we play with their disciplined mentality and development to succeed. We are aiming to have 2 teams per age group over the next 5 years, providing football for all!! With help from funded programs such as Wildcat's and squad girls to help the growth girls football too. We have entered back two girls' team back into the capital girls league and set to grow for years to come with the support from the FA, Barclays girls football fund and the equal game access for women and and girls's football.

Our emphasis on development, we will be looking to produce high quality football sessions for our young players, by ensuring that our coaches continue to develop themselves, as well providing a FA mentor for all, a community champion to help support our parents stepping over the sideline, encouraging our u14 and u15 in becoming a helper or coach at our club.

Our Adult selection, the ladies' team had a great season narrowly missing out on the League by a single point. The season was made all the more difficult by their league not allowing them to play on the main pitch, despite all other Leagues having no issues with the pitch.

The Saturday men's parted company with their manager early in the season with one of the players stepping in, he has introduced more youth to the squad and implementing a new style of play help the support of our you players pathways into our adult teams. They finished 5th in the League with the future looking bright.

The men's Sunday teams did the Club proud as usual with the 1sts finishing runners up in the premier league and narrowly losing in the league cup final on pens. The 2nd finished runners up in a

tough Div 1 beating the winners twice whilst the 3rds finished a creditable 3rd in the league and had a great run in the County Cup being knocked out in the semi.

It has been a tough challenge for the Sunday men's team has been finding enough players week in week out to get 3 teams out. With the help of our new committee members will seek ways to help support of all our players.

The Adult section has had a great season and we hoping to have a big impact ready for the new season. We'll done to everyone who's been involved.

Over the next couple years, we are committed to improve our club in all aspects, but only with the help from our members.

"PROVIDING A POSITIVE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT TO ALLOW PLAYERS DEVELOP TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND ENJOY THE GAME OF FOOTBALL".

Many thanks

Andrea Gooden
Club Secretary

Achievements and performance

This season we have increased our girl's participation on all levels. Since the Euros, we have been able to grow our girls' teams, we have been able to enter our girls' teams in the Capital Girl League u10 and u12s and with positive numbers starting to increase on a monthly basis with the support of our Wildcat's Centre, we are set to add in another team into the league hopefully u9 by the end of the new season.

Whilst our younger age groups are doing well with the continued support of the FA Wildcats Centre platform being their starting point into teams, we are yet to grow our older age range group 13+. It has been a bit of a struggle to get this age group in but with our new programme targeted for girls age 12-14 "squad girls" will help to support getting girls in at this age group.

With the squad and Wildcats Programme's, the FA has designed these programmes to support girls into football with the full commitment of joining a club, this allow the player and parent to have flexibility until they are sure that they wish to stay and play the game of football.

The centre is simply designed for girls to have fun make friends, in a relaxed calm warming environment. The h club has all the facilities that any girl needs so we are set to continue the growth in women and girls football at Larkspur Rovers FC.

Our youth teams continue to soar across the board. We have 11 teams currently playing in the harrow youth league, by the second phase of the season we will be able to add another two into the league, with the growing support of our head coach to make sure the we continue to support the development of all our players it seems as though the word is spreading on what we provide at Larkspurs Rovers which is DEVELOPING PLAYERS TO THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL.

With our continuing efforts around development, we are looking towards the next phase in producing high quality coaches in our club ensuring that they meet the needs of our players coming into the club. We have increased our numbers of parent volunteers at the club with almost 2 parents attached to each team that will help and support the lead coach with match days and practise days, to develop players and making sure that all children and adults are kept safe with our introduction to safer recruitment at our club.

Financial Review

Financial Position of the Charity:

At present the club is financially stable and met budget targets in this period. The Club has encouraged direct payments for subs in to the bank account for the coming season, this method of payment is increasing each year, parents are now setting up regular payments this has resulted in more subs being paid on time. Apart from receiving the money regularly this helps the club not to incur bank charges by paying cash into the branch. To help with increased utility costs NABC quarterly payments for rent and electricity have been increased.

Because of the higher cost of materials for pitch maintenance the Football Foundation are currently reviewing the possibility of increasing the grant amount for the 6 year programme.

Reserves policy:

The Club holds a separate Bank account (AGP sinking fund) for the refurbishment of the artificial football pitch, for which there is an anticipated lifespan of 10 years.

Money is also set aside each year to cover the club's commitment to any grants for groundworks etc.

Sources of Funding:

The Club is funded by Membership payments.

When available, grants are sourced to help with the upkeep of all playing surfaces.

Funds are also raised by holding tournaments at LRFC.

Financial Risks:

With the exception of any Grants we are able to obtain, the club is reliant entirely on member subscriptions. Any reduction in numbers would impact on our financial stability.

At the present time there is no evidence that the members numbers are reducing.

Restricted Funds:

Sinking Fund- this is money we have set aside for the replacement of the artificial football pitch

£6000 is deposited each year into a BMM account to meet this commitment – projected lifespan 10 years

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations. The law applicable to charities 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable 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 charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 07/11/2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Ron Durrant

Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Larkspur Rovers Football Club

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Larkspur Rovers Football Club.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Larkspur Rovers Football Club (the Charity) for the year ended 30th April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, 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 Charity's accounts 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

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records: or

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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Diana Frost

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Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Income Statement
For the Year End 30th April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds Prior year 2022 £
Income From:					
Donations/Legacies and Grants	1	50062	0	50062	57618
Grants (Government)	2	0	0	0	12000
Charitable Activities	3	9945	0	9945	12864
Other Trading Activities		0	0	0	0
Investments	4	0	310	310	8
Total Income		<u>60007</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>60317</u>	<u>82490</u>
Resources Expended:					
Charitable Activities	5	73115	0	73115	62957
Other		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>73115</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>73115</u>	<u>62957</u>
Net Income and (Expenditure)		-13108	310	-12798	19533
Transfers Between Funds		-6000	6000	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	6	<u>-19108</u>	<u>6310</u>	<u>-12798</u>	<u>19533</u>
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total Funds Brought Forward		<u>78190</u>	<u>60231</u>	<u>138421</u>	<u>118888</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u><u>59082</u></u>	<u><u>66541</u></u>	<u><u>125623</u></u>	<u><u>138421</u></u>

Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
For the Year End 30th April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds Prior Year 2022 £
Fixed Assets:					
Tangible Assets	7	10200	0	10200	11563
Investments		0	0	0	0
Total Fixed Assets		<u>10200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10200</u>	<u>11563</u>
Current Assets:					
Stocks		0	0	0	0
Debtors		0	0	0	0
Investments		0	0	0	0
Cash at Bank	8	48882	66541	115423	126858
Total Current Assets		<u>48882</u>	<u>66541</u>	<u>115423</u>	<u>126858</u>
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0	0	0
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>59082</u>	<u>66541</u>	<u>125623</u>	<u>138421</u>
The Funds of the Charity:					
Restricted Funds		0	66541	66541	60231
Unrestricted Funds		59082	0	59082	78190
		<u>59082</u>	<u>66541</u>	<u>125623</u>	<u>138421</u>

Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Analysis of Income
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year End 30th April 2023

1. Donations/Legacies and Grants

Membership Subs	30188.57
Gift Aid	5737.71
Affiliations	0
Donations	1000
Grants	6636
Donations (Parent & Supporters)	6500
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	50062.28

2. Government Grants

Grants Covid 19	<hr/>
	0

3. Charitable Activities

Venue Hire	1010.00
Rent & Rates	6700.00
Fundraising	960.00
Prize provision	71.78
Amazon	17.35
Fines repaid	355.00
Grass Pitch	105.00
Ref Fees	50.00
Utilities	666.67
Other	8.51
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	9944.31

4. Investments

Bank Interest	<hr/>
	310.18

Total Income	<hr/>
	60316.77

Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Analysis of Expenditure
Notes to the Financial Statements
As at 30th April 2023

5. Expenditure	£
Venue Hire	
WTS After School Club	
AGP Maintenance	2906.1
Grass Pitch	
Maintenance	6840.48
Grass Pitch Project	15,732
Facility Management &	
Maintenance Internal	3,562.25
Facility Management &	
Maintenance External	451.51
New Works (internal & external)	25.92
Tournaments Entries	145
Affiliations & player	
insurance	3471
Kit & playing equipment	4390.25
Fines	1,131.00
Social Expenses	1560.59
Rent & Rates	5,025.00
Insurance	1411.26
Licensing	
Safety & welfare	180.77
Independent	
Examination	450.00
Bank Charges	103.17
Utilities	17119.42
Courses Attended	290.00
DBS	100.00
Legal & Professional	
Printing, Stationary & Office	557.22
Communications & IT	
Other Expenses	43.99
Depreciation	6,273.73
Charity Donations	1,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	£194.00
Refund of subs	£150.00
	£73,114.66

Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year End 30th April 2023

6. Summary of Fund Movements

Fund Name	Fund Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Net Movement in Funds	Gains and Losses	Fund balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£		£	£
Core	78190	60007	73115	-6000	-13108	0	59082
Petty Cash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted	60231	310	0	6000	310	0	66541
Total Funds	138421	60317	73115	0	-12798	0	125623

Notes:

- 1) The restricted funds relate to the AGP sinking fund Deposit Account. The 'AGP Sinking Fund' is a contractual commitment where by LRFC must deposit £6k per annum for 10 years in order to refresh our artificial pitch.
This was agreed when LRFC took on the premises.

Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year End 30th April 2023

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixtures and Fittings	22-23	21-22	20-21
Cost			
Balance b/f	27053	25697	13900
Additions	4911	1356	11797
Balance c/f	31964	27053	25697
Depreciation			
Balance b/f	15490	9361	3764
Charge for the year	6274	6129	5597
Balance c/f	21764	15490	9361
Net Book Value			
As at 30th April 2023	10200	11563	16336

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation which is calculated to write off the asset over its expected useful life. Depreciation is recorded based on the number of months the asset is in service, counting the month of acquisition as a full month. For accounting purposes, depreciation will be recorded on an annual basis.

Fixtures & Fitting additions for year	£
Dugouts	4910.93
Total Additions	4910.93

Larkspur Rovers Football Club
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For the Year End 30th April 2023

8. Current Assets

Cash at Bank	£	
Current Account		48882
Deposit Account		66541
Petty Cash		0
Total cash at Bank		115423

The financial statements on pages 11 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on07/11/2023..... and signed on their behalf by:

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Ron Durrant