

Charity Registration Number 1096613



Larkspur Rovers Football Club

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year

End 30th April 2024

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 Trustee

Andrea Gooden Secretary

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 2023/2024

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 100 boys between 5 and 16, 70 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. 9 teams started this season and our nursery is growing on a weekly basis we aim to grow further in the coming seasons. Congratulations to Bruno whose team came runners up and to Damon whose Ladies team won the cup and came runners up in their division.

This is the 11th 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 2023/2024 subscriptions which is inequitable for those who did pay and which puts pressure on the clubs' finances. Those members will need to settle any outstanding balance before signing on for the 2024/2025 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 2024/2025 season we have made a minor increase in the membership fee and they are now £300. 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.

Sadly, Jeanne is standing down from the Treasurer role this will be a big loss to the team and I personally thank her for the hard work she has done.

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

Ron Durrant

2023/2024



LARKSPUR ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB
AGM Monday 5 August 2024
TREASURER'S REPORT

Unfortunately, the Treasurer's report is always the hardest to deliver as unless a miracle happens during the season and we are given a huge injection of cash it has less positives than negatives. But I will start on a positive note.

In the past season the Club has received over –

£5,000 in sponsorship towards the cost of kits.

£7,726 from the Football Foundation as part of the 6-year pitch improvement grant

£10,200 from the Supporters Club.

The Football Foundation grant has to be met by the Club's contribution of over £4,000, there was also additional costs in maintaining the pitches that was not helped with the terrible weather experienced throughout the winter and spring. In total pitch works, project and maintenance cost a total of £13,082.

Maintenance of the AGP is less as the maintenance visits have been reduced due to low usage, the cost this year is £1,072.

The Supporters Club donated an amazing £10,200 to the Club, £6,000 of this was used for the sinking fund towards the replacement of the artificial pitch, also towards grass pitch works.

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

Gift Aid is outstanding to be claimed for the season, in the previous season (22/23) £5,700 was claimed. 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 have paid the basic rate of tax the Club can reclaim this money.

For this 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 the preferred methods of payment will be directly to the Club bank account, 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 Bank Accounts now have to pay bank charges on all transaction made over the counter. The Club does not accept cheques.

LARKSPUR ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

AGM Monday 5 August 2024

As in previous years, the increase in the cost of all utilities, especially electricity has hit the club quite hard. The total cost for the 2023/24 season was £22,600 for electricity, gas and water, £5,000 more than the previous year.

The biggest financial setback this year has been Ealing Council's decision to remove the 80% discount on the rent and award just 50%, this is the maximum discount now available.

The total rent is currently £32,500. When we received 80% discount the yearly rent was £6,500 paid quarterly at £1,625.

The rent now with the 50% discount is £16,250, quarterly payments of £4,062.50.

The subsidy figure is currently under review again, we will not be able to secure any further discount and only hope the Council does not reduce it further. 34% of the increase has been passed onto the Boxing Club but we are still having to pay the remainder.

Jeanne Illsley
Treasurer



LARKSPUR ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

AGM 2nd September 2024

SECRETARY'S REPORT

So, we look back at season 2023-24, we had teams ranging from youth team U7-U15 in the Harrow Youth League, two girls teams playing in the Capital girls league. We have senior level teams, one Saturday league, two Sunday league teams and one senior Ladies. Vets football is still going strong and looking to bring back womens recreation for football in the new season alongside fitness class for all and the continued growth of Girls football, "Providing a positive environment for all!!"

We have seen a few successes by the end of the season starting off with the Ladies team winning the Thames valley counties women's league cup. Congratulations to the Ladies and Damo and Tony, getting the ladies this far, and set to make a statement for seasons to come!! and congratulations to our u12 getting runners up in their division.

Larkspur Rovers Youth held our first summer tournament at Lord Halsbury playing field in June, we may have had the most four seasons over the two days, but Im sure most would agree that it was successful. We have had a range of feedback from different parties of the football network, such as parents saying their child had an amazing day and loved our "MURRAY THE MILKMAN" Mascot, coaches saying that it was so organised and would attend our tournament again, referees enjoying the day and treated with respect by all and would ref at our tournament anytime. Overall, we had over 80 teams over the two days which was an exceptional achievement.

We will set our tournament at our club every year. Not only is it good for getting teams together at the end of season, it showcases us as a club, and invites people to see where we are and who we are. Plans are on to create even more better tournaments.

Our youngest two squads stood out this season, setting the standards of high-quality football led by our UEFA C coaches, winning a couple of tournaments ready to bring in their amazing improvement into the new season.

We aim to develop adults and children of all different starting points of their journey in football. We can only provide this by having dedicated coaches/volunteers, we are fortunate to have a few now, but we need more to continue the growth of football at Larkspur Rovers FC.

We are still in need of recruiting adults to roles within the Club, and not just on the pitch but off it as well. The Board of Trustees looks after the management of the Club finances and off pitch requirements, and further volunteers to help here would be of benefit to all in the Club. 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.

I will hope to continue my role as secretary and support our club going forward.

Andrea Gooden

2023-2024

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 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 21/11/24 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 2024.

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').

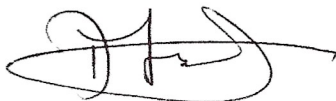
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds Prior year 2023 £
Income From:					
Donations/Legacies and Grants	1	53993	0	53993	50062
Grants (Government)	2	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	3	26387		26387	9945
Other Trading Activities		697		697	0
Investments	4	0	1370	1370	310
Total Income		<u>81077</u>	<u>1370</u>	<u>82447</u>	<u>60317</u>
Resources Expended:					
Charitable Activities	5	84479	0	84479	73115
Other				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>84479</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>84479</u>	<u>73115</u>
Net Income and (Expenditure)		-3402	1370	-2032	-12798
Transfers Between Funds		-7000	7000	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	6	<u>-10402</u>	<u>8370</u>	<u>-2032</u>	<u>-12798</u>
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total Funds Brought Forward		<u>59082</u>	<u>66541</u>	<u>125623</u>	<u>138421</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>48680</u>	<u>74911</u>	<u>123591</u>	<u>125623</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
For the Year End 30th April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds Prior Year 2023 £
Fixed Assets:					
Tangible Assets	7	7987	0	7987	10200
Investments		0	0	0	0
Total Fixed Assets		<u>7987</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7987</u>	<u>10200</u>
Current Assets:					
Stocks				0	0
Debtors				0	0
Investments				0	0
Cash at Bank	8	40693	74911	115604	115423
Total Current Assets		<u>40693</u>	<u>74911</u>	<u>115604</u>	<u>115423</u>
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0	0	0
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>48680</u>	<u>74911</u>	<u>123591</u>	<u>125623</u>
The Funds of the Charity:					
Restricted Funds		0	74911	74911	66541
Unrestricted Funds		48680	0	48680	59082
		<u>48680</u>	<u>74911</u>	<u>123591</u>	<u>125623</u>

Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Analysis of Income
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year End 30th April 2024

1. Donations/Legacies and Grants

Membership Subs	38778
Gift Aid	0
Affiliations	0
Donations	12000
Grants	0
Donation (Parent & Supporters)	3200
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	53978

2. Government Grants

Grants	<hr/>
	0

3. Charitable Activities

Venue Hire	1737
Rent & Rates	11398
Fundraising	
Tournament Entries	2755
Amazon	15
Fines repaid	597
Grass Pitch	7726
Ref Fees	0
Utilities	2771
Other	100
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	27099

4. Investments

Bank Interest	<hr/>
	1370

Total Income	<hr/>
	82447

Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Analysis of Expenditure
Notes to the Financial Statements
As at 30th April 2024

5. Expenditure	£
Venue Hire	0
WTS After School Club	0
AGP Maintenance	1073
Grass Pitch Maintenance	1993
Grass Pitch Project	11093
Facility Management & Maintenance Internal	3545
Facility Management & Maintenance External	197
New Works (internal & external)	0
Equipment	1029
Tournaments Entries	240
Affiliations & player insurance	2915
Kit & playing equipment	12100
Fines	1258
Social Expenses	1310
Rent & Rates	16012
Insurance	4744
Licensing	159
Safety & welfare	0
Independent Examination	500
Bank Charges	70
Utilities	22,603
Courses Attended	60
DBS	60
Legal & Professional	0
Printing, Stationary & Office	137
Communications & IT	451
Other Expenses	85
Depreciation	2,812
Charity Donations	0
Dues and Subscriptions	35
Refund of subs	0
	£84,479

Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Notes to the Financial Statements
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6. Summary of Fund Movements

Fund Name	Fund Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Net Movement in Funds	Fund balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£		£
Core	59082	81077	84479	-7000	-3402	48680
Petty Cash	0	0	0		0	0
Restricted	66541	1370	0	7000	1370	74911
Total Funds	125623	82447	84479	0	-2032	123591

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 2024

7. Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixtures and Fittings	23-24	22-23	21-22
Cost			
Balance b/f	31964	27053	25697
Additions	599	4911	1356
Balance c/f	<u>32563</u>	<u>31964</u>	<u>27053</u>
Depreciation			
Balance b/f	21764	15490	9361
Charge for the year	2812	6274	6129
Balance c/f	<u>24576</u>	<u>21764</u>	<u>15490</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 30th April 2024	<u>7987</u>	<u>10200</u>	<u>11563</u>

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		£
Stadium Wheel line Marker	25/07/2023	599
Total Additions		599

Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year End 30th April 2024

8. Current Assets

Cash at Bank	£
Current Account	40693
Deposit Account	74911
Petty Cash	0
Total cash at Bank	<u>115604</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue
on 21/11/24 and signed on their behalf by:

R Durrant
Ron Durrant