

Charity Registration Number 1096613



Larkspur Rovers Football Club

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year

End 30th April 2025

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, number of Volunteers is 25.

Number of paid staff members is 0

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



LARKSPUR ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

AGM Monday 22nd Sept 2025

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Over the past year the club has continued to fulfil its charity objectives to promote fitness, advance the education and facilitate the social development of around 150 boys and girls between the ages 5-14, 80 senior men and 40 senior ladies through healthy participation in the game of 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 16 years of age.

This is our 12th season at Lord Halsbury and the upkeep of the club is getting harder and harder. The committee and volunteers are doing all they can to look after this but financial constraints will always be an issue. Financially it's been difficult as we now have to pay full rent with no subsidy, so we are looking at ways to bring more revenue in. Our treasurer is currently trying to source a better contract for electricity that has increased substantially over the last year.

On the field our youth teams have done very well this season. Our Saturday and Sunday Men's senior team both reached finals which unfortunately they lost, whilst our senior ladies team won their league and were runners up in their cup.

We also ran a very successful tournament, which was organised very well by Vimal (congratulations on this Vimal). Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible.

The club still needs help with more volunteers and coaches as this is the only way the club will grow.

My thanks goes to all the committee members who work tirelessly to keep the club afloat, without them there would be no Larkspur Rovers F.C.

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

Ron Durrant



LARKSPUR ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

AGM Monday 22 September 2025 TREASURER'S REPORT

This has been a challenging year for the Club financially. At the last AGM I reported that for the 23/24 season we had only been granted a 50% subsidy on the rent from Ealing Council; for the 2024/25 season the subsidy was removed totally. The rent is now £32,500 per annum; we have been advised by the Council subsidies are "unlikely" to be granted in the future.

To pay the additional £16,250 money had to be used from our BMM (deposit account) although we are still able to show the £60,000, we are committed to reserving for the replacement of the AGP in the future. This obviously has an enormous effect on the Club's finances; we will be renegotiating the rent received from the Boxing Club to contribute towards this.

On a positive note, we have now changed our electricity supplier from EDF to British Gas and have projected the cost will be approximately £13,000 per annum the contract changed over in August 2025. Previously for season 23/24 we paid £21,000 to EDF.

The Club secured funding from the Football Foundation during the season for new LED floodlights for the artificial pitch. The total cost was £24,455, 70% of the cost will be met by the FF (£17,119) and the remainder by the Club (£7,336). Although this was awarded in the 24/25 season the work was carried out in September 2025. The cost to the Club will hopefully be recouped by the saving on the electricity as the LED floodlights should be much cheaper to run.

As a Club we need to generate as much income as possible, fortunately we were approached by Pass Masters training school and secured a rental agreement for daytime use of part of our premises for the coming year with an option to extend beyond the current 12-month term.

In the past season the Club received –

£3,000 in donation towards the cost of kits from Royal Mail

£3,805 from the Football Foundation as part of the 6-year pitch improvement grant

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AGM Monday 22 September 2025

£8,400 from the Supporters Club.

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.

As always 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 new season. As before the preferred methods of payment will be directly to the Club's 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 are now more important than ever as Charity Accounts have to pay bank charges on all transaction made over the counter. The Club does not accept cheques.

I have recently written to James Murray our local MP regarding securing funding from HS2 as the Club has to make access available to them for inspections in relation to the work being carried out by them in the area. We received a favorable response from him as he is prepared to support an application from the Club for funding from HS2 for projects to support the advancement of the Club.

Jeanne Illsley
Treasurer



LARKSPUR ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB AGM 22 September 2025 Secretary Report

The aim of this report is to update everyone on events and progress at the club since the last AGM. We are pleased to confirm that we have retained our two-star accreditation. However, there is still important work to be done this year to maintain this status. We will continue to develop our five-year plan, focusing on building a strong player journey, a clear coaching philosophy, shared club values, improved facilities, and deeper community engagement.

One of our biggest challenges continues to be the recruitment and retention of coaches, assistant coaches, and volunteers. This year has been particularly difficult in that regard. Our club cannot function without you—your club needs you—and we will always do our best to support those who give their time. I would like to sincerely thank all our volunteers; your efforts make a huge difference, and as the saying goes, many hands make light work.

On the facilities side, we are proud to share that we have successfully secured two funding grants. These have allowed us to complete two major projects: the installation of new floodlights, which will reduce our utility costs, and a newly fitted kitchen, part-funded by the FA Facilities Fund.

In terms of teams, we have unfortunately seen a decline over the past year. We now have seven youth teams, including one girls' team, alongside four senior teams, of which two are ladies' teams. The reduction in volunteers and coaches has been a major factor in this decline. While player recruitment remains strong, our ability to grow depends on increasing the number of committed coaches.

Our club subscription for this season has been set at £340, an increase of £40 from last season. This rise reflects the growing cost of running the club and the continued lack of financial support from Ealing Council with regard to rent. Despite these challenges, we are committed to keeping our subscriptions as affordable as possible, in line with our role as a community charity club.

Looking ahead, we are exploring a number of new projects to support the running of the club. We also plan to increase our marketing efforts to raise awareness, attract more members, and ensure long-term sustainability.

Over the past two seasons, we have successfully delivered two fantastic tournaments and also celebrated our 75th anniversary, which brought many former members back to share in the occasion. We are determined to continue building on this momentum, hosting high-quality tournaments that showcase both our excellent facilities and our strong community spirit.

I'm looking forward to continuing as Youth Secretary, alongside Dianna, our Adult Secretary who has been appointed this season after Dave Virgo stepped down after his long commitment to our club. We wish him all the best and I'm sure he will keep in touch!

Thank you,

Andrea Gooden

Financial Review

Financial Position of the Charity:

At present the club is financially stable but 24/25 has been a challenging year. The club had to pay full rent this year as we lost our subsidies. The cost of the full rent is £32,500; we are in the process of re-negotiating the rent costs with Ealing Council and hoping that they will re-instate our subsidies. 24/25 also saw a drop in income due to the fact that we had fewer teams paying members subs, we are working on increasing the number of teams going forward. 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 costs NABC quarterly payments for rent and electricity have been increased again this year.

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

Achievements and performance

We held a tournament to celebrate our 75th anniversary. The money raised was donated to Medi cinema. The Charity was nominated by the winning team.

Our adult Saturday and Sunday teams both got the finals of their respective cups.

Our Ladies team also got the League Cup final but lost on penalties. They also won the league title and were promoted to the next tier.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

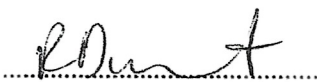
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations. The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to 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 31-12-25 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 2025.

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').

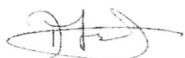
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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Larkspur Rovers Football Club
Receipt and Payments Accounts
For the Year End 30th April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds Prior year 2024 £
Income From:					
Donations/Legacies and Grants	1	41704	0	41704	53993
Grants (Government)	2	0	0	0	0
charitable Activities	3	24208	0	24208	26387
Other Trading Activities		467	0	467	697
Investments	4	0	1357	1357	1370
Total Income		66379	1357	67736	82447
Resources Expended:					
Charitable Activities	5	96118	0	96118	84479
Other		0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure		96118	0	96118	84479
Net Income and (Expenditure)		-29739	1357	-28382	-2032
Transfers Between Funds				0	0
Net Movement in Funds	6	-29739	1357	-28382	-2032
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total Funds Brought Forward		48680	74911	123591	125623
Total Funds Carried Forward		18941	76268	95209	123591

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Balance Sheet
For the Year End 30th April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds Prior Year 2024 £
Fixed Assets:					
Tangible Assets	7	5506	0	5506	7987
Investments		0	0	0	0
Total Fixed Assets		5506	0	5506	7987
Current Assets:					
Stocks		0	0	0	0
Debtors		0	0	0	0
Investments		0	0	0	0
Cash at Bank	8	23685	66018	89703	115604
Total Current Assets		23685	66018	89703	115604
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0	0	0
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		29191	66018	95209	123591
The Funds Of the Charity:					
Restricted Funds		0	66018	66018	74911
Unrestricted Funds		29191	0	29191	48680
		29191	66018	95209	123591

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Analysis of Income
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For the Year End 30th April 2025

1. Donations/Legacies and Grants

Membership Subs	33304
Gift Aid	0
Affiliations	0
Donations	6805
Grants	0
Donations (Parent & Supporters)	8400
	48509.00

2. Government Grants

Grants Covid 19	0
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3. Charitable Activities

Venue Hire	1730
Rent & Rates	10458
Fundraising	0.00
Tournament Entries	2780
Amazon	0.00
Fines repaid	467
Grass Pitch	0.00
Ref Fees	0.00
Utilities	850
Insurance	1585
	17870

4. Investments

Bank Interest	1357
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Total Income	67736
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Analysis of Expenditure
Notes to the Financial Statements
As at 30th April 2025

5. Expenditure	£
Venue Hire	0
WTS After School Club	0
AGP Maintenance	2268
Grass Pitch Maintenance	1707
Grass Pitch Project	1584
Facility Management & Maintenance Internal	5920
Facility Management & Maintenance External	0
New Works (internal & external)	0
Equipment	834
Tournaments Entries	515
Affiliations & player insurance	2499
Kit & playing equipment	1129
Fines	2677
Social Expenses	1381
Rent & Rates	36562
Insurance	9572
Licensing	169
Safety & welfare	30
Independent Examination	500
Bank Charges	66
Utilities	24,343
Courses Attended	0
DBS	110
Legal & Professional	215
Printing, Stationary & Office	727
Communications & IT	576
Other Expenses	218
Depreciation	2,481
Charity Donations	0
Dues and Subscriptions	35
Refund of subs	0
	<u>£96,118</u>

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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	48680	66379	96118	10250	-29739	29191
Petty Cash	0	0	0		0	0
Restricted	74911	1357	0	-10250	1357	66018
Total Funds	123591	67736	96118	0	-28382	95209

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.

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixtures and Fittings	24-25	23-24	22-23
Cost			
Balance b/f	32563	31964	27053
Additions	0	599	4911
Balance c/f	32563	32563	31964
Depreciation			
Balance b/f	24576	21764	15490
Charge for the year	2481	2812	6274
Balance c/f	27057	24576	21764
Net Book Value			
As at 30th April 2024	5506	7987	10200

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	24/25		£
New purchases		date bought	0
No New Additions this year			
		Total Additions	0

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8. Current Assets

Cash at Bank	£
Current Account	23685
Deposit Account	66018
Petty Cash	0
Total cash at Bank	<u>89703</u>

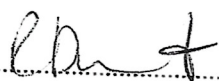
9. Operating lease commitment

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

25-year lease signed 2014 – end date 2039

	2025	2024
Land and buildings		
Within one year	£32,500	£32,500
Between one and five years	£162,500	£162,500

The financial statements on pages 11 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 31-12-25 and signed on their behalf by:



Ron Durrant