

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
for Witton Albion Junior Football Club

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual Director's report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015).

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number:	1106178
Registered Office:	39 Harewood Close Northwich Cheshire CW9 8XH
Trustees:	Andrew Ralph Howard Crompton
Independent examiner:	Graham Wood FCCA Litke Wood & Co Limited 105 Witton Street Northwich Cheshire CW9 5DR

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing Document

The Charity achieved charitable status on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2004. It is governed by the Constitution adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004. A list of trustees serving during the year is set out above.

The Board of Trustees is accountable for ensuring the Charity's good governance, financial prudence and solvency. The Trustees must also be sure that legal and human resources responsibilities are met, and that strategies and policies are consistent with the Charity's overall strategic objectives.

### OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

The objective of the Charity is to support young people in mid Cheshire through the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for playing football.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Investment Policy**

The board of trustees does not directly invest other than in cash on bank deposit, and believes this policy is appropriate for the Charity.

**Principle Funding Sources**

Significant funding continues to come from monthly subscriptions from parents of players.

**Result of the Year**

The results of the year are detailed in the attached documents.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Account Standards (UKGAAP).

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 Charity SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They 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 order of the board of Trustees on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



**ANDREW RALPH, Trustee**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I present my report on the accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 statements below.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Graham Wood FCCA  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
Subscriptions & registrations	77,920	81,565
Interest Received	596	702
Gift Aid	484	27,233
Sponsorships	32,656	19,385
Grants	3,359	891
Wildcats	0	0
	<b>115,015</b>	<b>129,776</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Equipment	17,241	13,579
Course Fees	1,930	2,145
Training & pitch hire	52,619	42,814
Postage & stationery	4	14
Player fines	1,094	727
Referees' fees	4,257	4,225
League registration fees	6,137	4,987
Affiliation fees	1,119	1,235
Coaching fees	3,750	3,935
Entertaining	218	332
Sundry expenses	456	312
Defibrillators	153	0
Kit	40,096	29,255
Trophies	4,164	3,892
Tournament costs	1,630	2,615
Charitable Donations	845	2,298
Main Club Support	8,600	3,600
	<b>144,313</b>	<b>115,963</b>
<b>(DEFICIT) SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(29,298)</b>	<b>13,813</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank	34,048	63,357
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>34,048</b>	<b>63,357</b>

**FUNDS**

Unrestricted funds b/fwd	63,357	49,544
Deficit) for the year	(29,298)	13,813
Unrestricted funds c/fwd	<b>34,059</b>	<b>63,357</b>







**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 To 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Charity name: Witton Albion Junior Football Club

Charity registration number: 1106178

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of children in Mid-Cheshire by the provision of facilities to play football.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Normal trading activity  The provision of football training and development in the Mid-Cheshire area for boys and girls up to the age of 18. This includes entering local football leagues & County Cup competitions, training facilities and also participation in friendly games and tournaments. The club has been awarded the status of 'England Accredited' (formerly Charter Standard Community Club) by the FA.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm they are aware of the guidance issued and will use this guidance in its governance of the football club and its activities.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The club operates all of its activities based on 100% volunteers. Volunteers managing teams and the Club Management Committee

		are DBS checked and all have completed the FA Safeguarding Children course.
Other		The club's daily operating decisions are taken by the Club Management Committee with major items of expenditure referred to the regular Committee Meetings and voted on by all members of the Management Committee.

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Player numbers maintained throughout the period even with several teams folding during the reporting period. All coaches, new and existing, continue to have all relevant training and courses paid for by the club to ensure they, and the club, are fully compliant. The club retained its FA's 'England Accredited' status (formerly the 'Charter Standard' status) with a 2-star rating.</p> <p>Membership of the Junior Football Club provides children with free entry to Witton Albion Football Club senior fixtures. This encourages children and parents to watch football in the Community to support a local football team. Each junior team has the opportunity to provide ball persons for the senior fixtures. The club subsidises two season tickets for each team's management to attend the games.</p> <p>Additional girls teams were created directly from the Wildcats sessions to encourage girls to take up football.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The club had a deficit of £-29298 during the period of activity 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025. The bank account funds were sufficient for this planned activity and remain so for next year's planned activities. No major Gift Aid claim was made which explains the deficit.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Cash in the bank is held for future expenditure on FA courses for new and existing coaches, kit renewal (each team is on a 2-year kit cycle), equipment and hire of training and match day facilities. Reserve account also holds funds on behalf of teams who have raised sponsorship monies.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£34059
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are currently no uncertainties in the club's status as a going concern. The existing monthly membership payment of £16 has remained static for approximately 10 years. To ensure future growth can be maintained a decision to increase the monthly amount was considered and is due to be implemented within the next reporting period.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Monthly membership payments from parents (collected over a 12 month rolling period). Gift Aid, team sponsorship, Football Foundation grants to purchase new goals.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Fluctuating subscription payments from parents. Loss of players to other clubs in the region or loss of interest in football. Lack of sponsorship. Increased costs of training and match day facilities. Increased costs of kit and equipment.

Other		
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Club
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Selected annually at AGM – all positions are eligible for annual re-election.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Management Committee comprising of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Welfare Officer and Purchasing Officer.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		Awarded 2-star 'England Accredited' status by the FA.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Witton Albion Junior Football Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1106178
Charity's principal address	39 Harewood Close Northwich Cheshire CW9 8XH

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Howard Crompton	Secretary	From 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 to date	
2	Andy Ralph	Treasurer	From 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 to date	
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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**Other optional information**

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#### **Additional information (optional)**

##### **Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

<b>Type of adviser</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)</b>		

#### **Exemptions from disclosure**

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#### **Other optional information**






Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)		
	Full name(s)	Andrew Ralph	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
	Date	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	

