

## **Hindley ARLFC**

### **Trustees Annual Report (TAR) for 2023-24**

#### **Objectives**

As always, this year's main objective was to increase participation by young people and adults of the town to build and further benefit the community to increase our cooperation with St Peters Pavilion to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

#### **This year summary of objectives and achievements.**

This year we rebranded the club from HINDLEY ARLFC to HINDLEY STAGS for our male teams and HINDLEY HINDS for our female teams, this was a massive milestone in our club history, our junior players for many years had wanted an identity just like the pro clubs in our game, the rebrand was done and presented to our players and sponsors with an massive launch night with over 800 people attending, the night not only showcased our rebrand we launched the new 2024/25 kit designs, Our aim is to replace all playing kits biannually, this year the year to replace the kits, we worked extremely hard bringing in £37,860 in sponsorship which allowed us not only to replace all our kits (16 Kits) but to also provide each player with a club polo and leisure shorts. We continue to promote inclusion for all allowing all our players and parents to feel a valuable member of our club. The social cohesion coming from this is good to see and giving the youth of today a positive and health activity in their spare time is very important.

This year we worked hard on our continued growth in terms of playing numbers following the rebrand we found many new players wanted to join our club and our numbers increase by over 15%.

The club's objectives to be the best at the lowest cost are being achieved, indeed we maintained our monthly subscriptions to help our members with the cost-of-living crisis. This as a non-profit organisation run by unpaid volunteers is our proud achievement.

Development of the remaining playing areas is planned and much fund raising, and bids are being applied for.

Continued development of our coaches and volunteers providing L2 coaching qualifications along with first aid and food hygiene courses.

The facilities are being well maintained and further works to improve the facilities are in progress.

Local business still support the club, their contributions help the club immensely and we aim to reciprocate this with exposure to all our members of their services.

## **Financial review**

Starting the year with a balance over £16,519.37 the focus was to build our funds back up through increased membership and sponsorships to allow us at the end of the season to replace the kits in readiness for the 24/25 and 25/26 seasons, we continue to invest in new equipment providing each team with new balls and first aid equipment, we were pleased to see us return a profit for the year placing us in an excellent position to move into the next season.

Opening Lloyds Balance: £ 16519.37

Closing Lloyds Balance £ 20,147.16

Total income: £ 99,870.67

Outstanding Monies at Y/E - £5,735.00

Total expenditure: £ 90,507.88

Increase / (decrease) of funds on year £3627.79

## **Projections**

As we won't be replacing kits this coming year, membership fees will remain the same and we are hoping to end making a profit further rebuilding the club funds in readiness to replace the club's kits in 2026.

We continue to use the GOCARDLESS system to collect our memberships by DD who then pay these monies directly into the Lloyds account (for a small collection fee per transaction). This the increase in efficiency of collection and the reduction in unpaid volunteer's time is seen as an acceptable and affordable expense to have. This system has also seen a significant improvement with delinquent fees being unpaid in previous years now being paid.

Cash payments in future will be allowed only in exceptional circumstances or if the full amount due is paid in one go.

## **Risk Management**

Insurances are maintained via the RFL and coaches informed how to stay compliant with the rules to ensure coverage is maintained.

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the profit and loss of the Charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to: -

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.
- The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Acts. 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. The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's trust deed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 27/01/2025

and signed on its behalf by: *BTaylor*

Person: Barry Taylor


Position: Chairman

# HINDLEY ARLFC 2023/24 ACCOUNTS

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Income	Expenditure
Bank Interest / Go Cardless Fees	£53.72	£907.53
Club Membership Fees	£38,375.59	
Club Registration Fees	£5,875.00	
Donations	£0.00	
Fundraising	£1,091.09	£4,804.00
Coaching Courses		£1,830.00
Equipment		£2,146.87
Entertainment		£1,205.00
Repairs / Maintenance		£262.22
External Training Facilities		£13,607.00
Fines		£190.00
First Aid / Physio		£1,457.01
Insurance		
Kit Sponsorship	£37,860.00	
Kitchen Income / Exp	£7,081.92	£10,302.10
Laundry		£992.60
League Fees / Software Subscriptions		£713.04
Merchandise / Kits Sales	£2,084.30	£40,976.38
Misc Expenses		£20.00
Trophies / Awards		£6,086.89
Referee Fees		£621.84
Sponsorship / Grants	£7,449.05	
Travel		£4,385.40
	£99,870.67	£90,507.88
<b>Outstanding at Y/E</b>	<b>£5,735.00</b>	
<b>Overall P/L for Year</b>	<b>£3,627.79</b>	
Lloyds Opening Balance	<b>£16,519.37</b>	<b>1st April 2023</b>
Lloyds Closing Balance	<b>£20,147.16</b>	<b>31st March 2024</b>

I have examined the above receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st March 2024 together with supportive documents and vouchers and i believe that it represents a true and fair view of the club's accounts.

Witness:- Paul Barnett 

Chairman:- Barry Taylor 

Treasurer:- Grahame Bentley 

Date:- 27/01/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
HINDLEY ARLFC

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1110435

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/04/2024**.

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

27/01/2025

Name:

PAUL BARNETT

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address:

St Peters Pavilion

Hurst St
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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**