EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1112997

Details

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Company number	05400969
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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE INHABITANTS OF TYNE AND WEAR, NORTHUMBERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM AND CUMBRIA AND THEIR SURROUNDING AREAS:3.1 TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION BY PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR THE PLAYING OF BASKETBALL AND OTHER SPORTS OR ACTIVITIES CAPABLE OF IMPROVING PHYSICAL HEALTH ("FACILITIES" IN THIS CLAUSE 3 MEANS LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT AND ORGANISING SPORTING ACTIVITIES);3.2 TO PROVIDE AND ASSIST IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR SPORT, RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF SUCH PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, ETHNICITY, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; AND3.3 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF CHARITY.

Activities: To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing basketball.To provide facilities for sport and recreation for people who need such facilities andTo advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees think fit

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TYNE AND WEAR, NORTHUMBERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM AND CUMBRIA AND THEIR SURROUNDING AREAS
- Cumbria
- Durham
- Gateshead
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£1,823,506	£2,016,531	£3,368,240	163
2024-07-31	£1,895,477	£2,026,192	£3,561,265	158
2023-07-31	£1,612,387	£1,630,526	£3,691,980	70
2022-07-31	£1,229,539	£1,180,517	£3,710,119	60
2021-07-31	£974,164	£927,311	£3,661,097	32
2020-07-31	£946,126	£873,247	£3,614,244	61

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PAUL BLAKE	Chair	
ALAN YOUNGER		
DAVID LEWIS FORRESTER		
ERIC VICTOR WILSON		
JEFFREY KING		
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Stephen Savage		2020-12-10

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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Accounts

NEWCASTLE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2024/25

Annual Highlights

All Hoops4Health roadshows are delivered by our men's and women's Superleague players and staff.



47 schools participated.

3600 roadshow participants.

128 school teams in tournaments.

1,024 young people in tournaments.



EAGLES JUNIOR Clubs

101,897 individual places filled at club sessions and cvl across the year.

13 junior club sites across the North East.

1,933 registered junior players.

The Eagles Central Venue League has expanded again this year with our highest ever demand for competitive basketball. The league spans twenty-four weekends at the Vertu Motors Arena across the academic year.



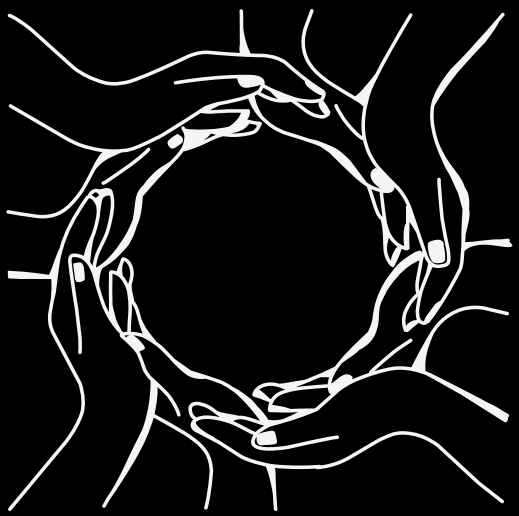
263 competing teams with CVL across the two leeague.

1533 registered junior players.

1400+ competiting in CVL each week.

FOUNDATION *Volunteers*

Volunteers are integral to the Foundations delivery, each of our community clubs have various volunteer opportunities ranging from assistant coaches, team managers, fundraising, washing kits to administration support.



159 Volunteers

17,502 Hours donated

THANKS TO OUR *Trustees*

On behalf of the Eagles Community Foundation, thank you to all of our Board of Trustees for their commitment this year: Alan Younger, Dave, Forrester, Eric Wilson, Jeff King, Paul Blake, Dan Cooper, Stephen Savage and Su Cumming

Wellby Figure

'Wellby' refers to the Wellbeing-Adjusted Life Year (WELLBY), a metric used to measure, value, and monetise changes in people's happiness or life satisfaction. It is increasingly adopted by governments, including the UK Treasury, to evaluate the social impact of policies, projects, and investments.

Sport England uses WELLBY (Wellbeing-Adjusted life year) to measure the massive financial value of sport and physical activity, showing it boosts health, happiness, and productivity, preventing disease and saving public money, with figures reaching over £100 billion annually in social value, highlighting significant returns on investment in active lifestyles. WELLBY allows for credible valuation of wellbeing impacts (like better sleep, less depression) beyond just fitness, helping secure funding and investment for active projects.

Using the WELLBY formulae within the junior basketball player pathway programme plus enabling the external Vertu Motors Arena sports clubs the Foundation contributes.

£10,064,900 SOCIAL & WELLBEING VALUE TO THE NORTH EAST

Foundation Economic Impact

- THE FOUNDATION EMPLOYED DURING THE YEAR 170+ MEMBERS OF STAFF
- PAYROLL OF £870,334
- LOCAL AND NATIONAL SUPPLIERS RECEIVED £1,000,000 WORTH OF CONTRACTS
- ARENA FOOTFALL 300,000 VISITS
- 20,349 UNIQUE BENEFICIARIES
- 37.57% WOMEN AND GIRLS
- 15,505 DELIVERY HOURS
- 40 FULL ARENA MODE EVENTS INCLUDING FOUR INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL GAMES

INTRODUCTION FROM Paul Blake

CHAIRMAN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



On behalf of all Eagles Community Foundation board of trustees, staff and volunteers it is my privilege to present this report, reflecting on what has been a productive, inspiring, and impactful 2024–2025 season. Over the past twelve months the Foundation has continued to maintain the number of players playing and competing at the Vertu Arena and in the constituent club sites, consolidating our programme as the largest single basketball community project in the United Kingdom and one of, if not the largest, youth community projects in the region.

We continue to focus on our strategy to grow the number of basketball clubs we operate, sessions aimed at improving physical fitness, mental health awareness, and social inclusion. These clubs have proven vital in addressing isolation and promoting a sense of belonging.
Our collaboration with local schools, community groups, and sponsors has enabled us to broaden our impact and deliver high-quality programmes. Once again, this year our headline school projects: 'Hoops for Health' and 'Science of Basketball' have enabled us to work directly with almost 100 regional primary schools. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our partners for their continued trust and support. Financially, the Foundation has remained stable, thanks to careful management and the generosity of our supporters and funders.

This stability has allowed us to invest in new initiatives while maintaining the quality of our existing programmes. Nonetheless, we remain mindful of the challenges facing the sector and will continue to seek sustainable funding opportunities to secure our future growth. None of our achievements this season would have been possible without the dedication of our staff and volunteers. Their passion, professionalism, and commitment are the driving force behind everything we do. I would also like to acknowledge the Board of Trustees for their guidance and governance throughout the year.

As we look ahead to the 2025–2026 season, we remain focused on expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and continuing to serve our community with integrity and purpose. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and are committed to building on the strong foundations maintained this year.

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Eagles Player Pathway



The **Eagles player pathway** is structured to be as inclusive as possible with access to:

- **Eagles** primary education to learn and to be inspired
- **Eagles** Junior clubs to develop and enjoy the sport in structured local sessions
- **Eagles** junior league to enjoy a competitive outlet with mentoring for all areas of the game
- **Eagles** academy to have the opportunity to participate nationally
- **Eagles** College Academies to continue development whilst studying
- **Eagles** link BCB club to excel in senior national league
- **Eagles** senior teams to compete at the highest level in the country

PRIMARY EDUCATION: TO BE INSPIRED

Hoops 4 Health

The Hoops 4 Health programme is a healthy living programme delivered to key stage 2 pupils with more than three thousand pupils across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland benefiting across 2024-25.

Funding partners included:
- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbrian Healthcare Trust Hospital Volunteer Service
- Northumbrian Water

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The programme consists of five stages and this year delivery happened in each of the schools taking part. Every part of the programme is delivered by either the Newcastle Eagles or Eagles Community Foundation and the following pages will give a more detailed account of what each stage entails.



STAGE 1 - ROADSHOWS

An informative afternoon in each of the schools delivering key health related messages



STAGE 2 - COACHING

Four hours of coaching are delivered per school by community coaches.



STAGE 3 - TOURNAMENTS

Six tournaments are held for each local authority area



STAGE 4 - FINALS

Each tournament has a tournament final held at the Vertu Motors Arena



STAGE 5 - CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

All tournament winners are invited back to the Vertu Motors Arena to compete for the ultimate crown;. Champion of Champions

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 3,600

FUNDING PARTNERS

TOURNAMENT FINALS
Hoops 4 Health



NEWCASTLE

1st Gosforth Junior High 2nd Gosforth Central Middle
3rd St Albans Primary 3rd Our Lady & St Annes Primary



GATESHEAD

1st Kells Lane Primary 2nd Fellside Primary
3rd Fellside Primary 3rd Kells Lane Primary



SUNDERLAND

1st Farringdon Academy 2nd Barnes Junior
3rd East Herrington 3rd Richard Avenue



SOUTH TYNESIDE

1st Stanhope Primary 2nd St Bedes RC Primary



NORTH TYNESIDE

1st Preston Grange Primary 2nd Valley Gardens Middle
3rd Valley Gardens Middle 3rd Marden Bridge Middle



NORTHUMBERLAND

1st Ovingham Primary 2nd New Delaval Primary
3rd Dr Tomlinson CofE Primary 3rd Ovingham Primary

Fundraising for the Foundation





A "Ford Activation Day" (specifically titled Drive 4 UR Community) was hosted by Vertu Ford Newcastle at the Vertu Arena on Saturday, May 24, 2025. The event was a fundraising initiative where Vertu Ford Newcastle donated £30 for every test drive taken to the Eagles Community Foundation (ECF), which supports grassroots basketball and youth development. The event successfully raised over £2,600 for the Eagles Community Foundation.

North east based networking group Golf in the City (GITC) put their sporting skills to good use and raised £16,600 for the Eagles Community Foundation and Teesside Charity.

This year the two charities benefited from the event with all funds raised split equally, ensuring that the proceeds will directly benefit young people in the North East.

Donations to the Foundation



FLOOR CO



CRAIG THOMPSON

PRIMARY EDUCATION: TO BE INSPIRED

STEM Programme

SUPPORTED BY

REECE FOUNDATION

North East Combined Authority

The STEM: The Science of Basketball programme has proven to be a valuable initiative, reaching 3,107 young people during the 2024-25 academic year. The programme successfully intertwines the worlds of sport and education.

This innovative programme not only promotes physical activity but also enhances the participants' understanding of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through the lens of basketball.

Notably, the programme has made strides in inclusivity, with 20% of those benefiting coming from ethnic minority backgrounds. This diverse representation is crucial in fostering a more equitable environment where all young people can access and benefit from quality STEM education.

By engaging students with interactive and relatable content, the program inspires future generations to pursue STEM careers, ultimately contributing to a more diverse and skilled workforce in our region.

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE BENEFITING

3107









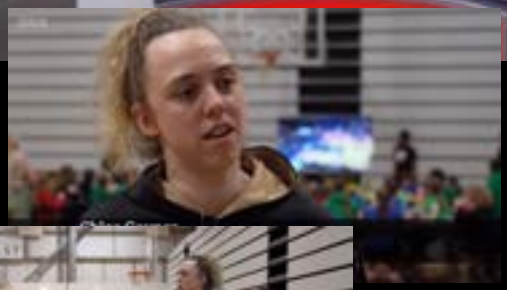




PRIMARY EDUCATION: TO BE INSPIRED

STEM Programme Media Coverage











BBC LOOK NORTH VIEWING FIGURES:

300,000 PER NIGHT

FACEBOOK:

9.3K VIDEO VIEWS

8K POST REACH

161 REACTIONS

LINKEDIN:

900 VIEWS

770 IMPRESSIONS

60 ENGAGEMENTS

30 REACTIONS

25 CLICKS

WATCH THE BBC REPORT ON YouTube

PRIMARY EDUCATION: TO BE INSPIRED

STEM Programme

SUPPORTED BY

PEARSON ENGINEERING

In this project we aim to teach the pupils the importance of not only the engineering elements of; understanding materials, measuring, design, planning and construction, but also the sociological elements of teamwork, effective communication, negotiation and leadership.

Learning through guided play has been shown to support in key aspects of children's learning and development according to numerous studies, notably University of Cambridge, 2022.

The students work as a team in their 'business' to design and draw a basketball court, in line with the measurements given to them in their information pack:

- how to plan effectively
- how to use their resources
- work as an effective team











The second part of the task is the construction of the basketball hoops and basketball shooting mechanism. The businesses are given a number of starting resources to use and they are free to design and build. We have 'the shop' where they can purchase additional resources, as well as trade resources with their fellow businesses.

Allowing the students to have creative freedom to design and build is when you truly see them explore different ideas of how to make the task a success. The resilience of trying and failing and adapting until they successfully build the structures has been great to witness as some teachers and students have explained that this has helped those who have struggled with resilience learn that it is okay not to succeed on the first attempt. We have also had so many unique designs, with students thinking outside the box so far as to start building other structures such as seating stands, entrance tunnels and even moving camera runs!

At the end of the session, each business must present their models to the rest of the class, they must share their plan and ideas, what challenges they faced, how they overcame those challenges, as well as the resources used, and if there were any additional resources acquired. This part of the task is invaluable as it gets the students to publicly speak at a young age, which can be challenging!

TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

776

CLUB DEVELOPMENT
Community Clubs

The Eagles Community Foundation (ECF) run 13 junior club sites across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland. The sites provide structured club sessions for those players that have transitioned from our school outreach programme.

We welcome all youngsters and young adults into the clubs no matter how much playing experience or exposure to the sport they have previously had. At each club site the coach(es) will work with the players to help them improve on their skill levels and get an understanding of the rules and the game of basketball. The players will be made aware of the player pathway and the officiating/coaching opportunities.

Although players will have the opportunity to have some competitive play at the club sessions it is important that they also have the opportunity to play against other clubs at their age group. The Eagles Central Venue League allows all players to have that competitive outlet with no need for trials to make the team. Teams are then split into divisions to make it competitive and ensure the players get the most out of competing. Being a part of a team encourages players to work as a team to achieve common goals. It also gives the players the experience of both winning and losing and how to deal with both situations.

Like with all sports the volunteers across the club sites are invaluable to what we do. The volunteers take on a whole list of duties ranging from coaching to fundraising allowing the head coaches to be able to just coach the players. The volunteers are made up of junior players, former players and parents.

The membership has grown again from last year with eleven of the clubs going beyond 100 members and two clubs with more than 200 members.

TOTAL JUNIOR CLUBS 13

TOTAL PLAYERS 1,933

AGE GROUPS & MEMBERSHIP 2024-25

Gateshead	
Cardinal Hornets U6-U18	216
Whickham Royals U8-U18	189
Ryton Rockets U10-U18	83

Newcastle	
Gosforth Goliants U10-U18	227
Kenton Force U12-U18	131
East Griffins U10-U18	107
West Hoopstars U10-U18	159

Northumberland	
Cramlington Vikings U10-U18	189
Morpeth U12-U18	72
Ponteland U10-U16	89

North Tyneside	
North Shields U10-U18	167
Tyne Met Tigers U12-14	129

South Tyneside	
South Tyneside U8-U18	174

Creating Inclusive Opportunities with Percy Hedley Foundation

Over the past two years, the Eagles Community Foundation has actively worked towards greater inclusion in keeping with its mission to make basketball accessible to everyone, regardless of background or ability. The foundation's 'Inclusive Basketball' sessions for adults with learning disabilities and autism, run in partnership with LD: North East, have been such a huge success they now run at full capacity.

Building on the success of those sessions, the Foundation was recently approached by the Percy Hedley Foundation, a North East disability charity supporting individuals with complex learning disabilities and additional communication needs, to create a new six-week work placement programme.

With only one in five people with a learning disability currently in employment, the Foundation recognises the importance of providing real-world opportunities to help break this stigma and the placements will offer students hands-on experience in a sporting environment. Candidates apply, attend an interview, tour our facilities, and if successful, join the Foundation's team for a weekly placement with roles that will include setting up sessions, assisting coaches, and even leading parts of sessions where they feel comfortable.

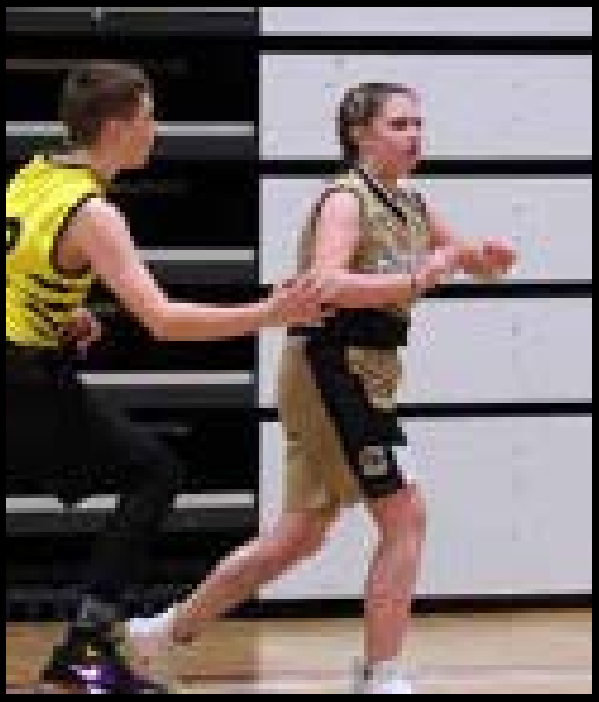
"The students have been incredible, getting involved from day one and it's been amazing to see their confidence grow", said Susan Hunter, Chief Operating Officer of the Eagles Community Foundation. "We hope to strengthen this partnership further and, where possible, provide paid employment opportunities in the future."

Kerry Robinson, Project Manager at Percy Hedley Foundation, added: "The impact of this partnership has been life-changing." "One student, passionate about basketball, confidently led a small group for the first time. Another, struggling with social anxiety, was overjoyed after attending an interview. "These experiences go beyond work – they empower students in their everyday lives."

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Eagles Central Venue League





TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS COMPETING ACROSS THE SEASON

263

The Eagles Central Venue League (CVL) is a development league giving all Eagles club players the opportunity to play the game competitively. The league operates a policy that teams are open to all club members, not determined by players having to attend any trials. To allow new teams to enter and for the league to have the ability to expand, it is split into two blocks across the season. The league continued the same format as the previous year with:

Saturday: U14's, U16's, U18's
Sunday: U12s, U10's, U8's

The Saturday league age groups runs full court 5 v 5 games with a full height basket for both boys and girls competing. Each game is played with a running clock to ensure that all fixtures can be played. Each of the teams have a coach to help support and encourage the players.

On a Sunday the league changes from U12's full court to U8's and U10's playing on half courts with the side hoops lowered to 8ft. Instead of 5v5 this age group plays 4v4 games.

The Foundation provides an opportunity for people to gain governing body qualifications in refereeing, officiating and coaching. This then helps players, parents and individuals wanting to support the league become involved and work or volunteer alongside full time members of the outreach team. This has enabled the growth in workforce development for basketball in the region with many people continuing to develop further in the sport with additional qualifications.

Those that gain their award are then employed by the foundation including people as young as 14. Gaining officiating awards allows people to gain experience and thus confidence in working across all age groups.

The coaching pathway is really important to us as a foundation as it ensures that we have a pool of coaches to be able to deliver in both clubs and across the outreach programme.

ELITE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

Eagles Academy

NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY



The Academy grew to nine teams competed across 4 age groups in the 2024/25 season, with the addition of the NBL u18 Men's team which consisted of Newcastle College student-athletes. This allowed the capacity of the College academy to increase and numbers to swell to 38 for this season.

The Advanced Development Group (ADG) has now proved invaluable to recruiting players into the Academy at under 14 level. The ADG aims to bridge the gap between recreational basketball and the performance side by working with 11 and 12 year old players to give them a glimpse of what is to come as they approach Academy age. Monthly exposure to performance coaches and off-court education is designed to prepare them for the expectations of the Eagles Academy, and players are talent identified from our Central Venue League clubs.



It was a good year for development for our under 14 squads with two players earning invites to National Teams (see below). Our under 16s teams made playoff appearances as did our under 18s, and our under 19s programme continues to progress with a finals appearance from the AoC team and our CBL team wracked up a 7-7 record, narrowly missing out on playoffs.



On the coaching side, performance coach Anth Reed also received a call to National Teams, representing England u14 assistant and Great Britain u16 assistant at the 2024 Junior European Championships. Development Manager, Ian MacLeod, represented Great Britain u18s as assistant coach in his fifth junior European Championships.

ELITE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY
Eagles Academy



Sport Newcastle Rising Star

The Sport Newcastle Awards night, held at Newcastle Civic Centre, celebrated the outstanding achievements and bright futures of North East athletes across a variety of sports. Among the many talented individuals recognised was Francis Ogbolu, a shining example of the success fostered by the Eagles performance pathway.

Francis, a dedicated basketball player and key figure in the Eagles Community Foundation's development initiatives, was awarded a Rising Star Grant at the prestigious event. This recognition highlights his exceptional talent and commitment to the sport, as well as his potential to excel at the national and international levels.

The Rising Star Award comes with a grant, valued at £250, to support young athletes who are making significant strides in their sporting careers. As part of the Eagles pathway, Francis has not only developed his skills but has also embodied the values of teamwork, determination, and community spirit that the Foundation strives to instil in its players.

National Call-ups



SEB WHYTE : ENGLAND U15 BOYS

Seb had an impressive season with the Eagles u14 boys team. Earning national recognition as one of the most promising players in the country at his age group.



ROBYN DONNELLY : WALES U16 GIRLS

Robyn has cemented herself as a regular in the Wales setup. She has earned multiple international caps behind an impressive season with Eagles u16 Girls.



ANTH REED : ENGLAND U14 BOYS AOC

Alongside leading our u19 programme, Anth was appointed as both England u14 and Great Britain u16 assistant coach. In his third year with the Eagles programme Anth continues to go from strength to strength

End of Season Dinner

Academy female player of the year



Grace Rae

Academy male player of the year



Harry Merrifield

Special award for services to the Foundation



FRP Advisory

CASE STUDY:
Golf In The City



GOLF IN THE CITY PUTTS SHARE OF £16,600 INTO THE FOUNDATION

North east based networking group Golf in the City (GITC) put their sporting skills to good use and raised £16,600 for the Eagles Community Foundation and Teesside Charity. This year the two charities benefited from the event with all funds raised split equally, ensuring that the proceeds will directly benefit young people in the North East.

"We were amazed last year at the amount we raised but this year, we have gone at least one under par. We are thrilled that the Newcastle Eagles Foundation and St Cuthbert's Hospice will benefit from our love of the sport" Marc Millar

"This is now an annual event, and we hope to continue supporting local charities and fostering a sense of community through our passion for golf." Jenna Herlingshaw

"The GITC committee is thrilled to support the two charities that provide brilliant work in our local North East community. We are grateful to all the participants, sponsors, and supporters who contributed to the success of this event" Matthew Brady

The networking group of over 100 local people provides regular opportunities for golf enthusiasts to come together, forge connections, and enjoy the camaraderie of the game. GITC is committed to giving back to the local community through charitable initiatives combining their love for golf with helping good causes.

CASE STUDY:
FRP Advisory









FRP ADVISORY RAISES £20,650 FOR FOUNDATION

NEWCASTLE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The team from FRP Advisory (formerly WilliamsAli) staged the third 3x3 Basketball Challenge Tournament in June. The event increased in the number of companies participating with 36 professional service companies entering, a jump from the previous inaugural year. The tournament was a fun and exciting afternoon with teams taking using all six courts at the Vertu Motors Arena. The companies players included beginners to former academy players, all coming together to support the Foundation.

FRP Corporate Finance

Chuck-A-Duck made an appearance, plus the added bonus of Newcastle Eagles players Chloe Gaynor and Rachel Bland helping to raise money by the add a minute to your team from a player bonus option - the power play.



In total an incredible £20,650 was raised on the day to support the Foundations work.

Events at Vertu Motors ARENA

THE EAGLES COMMUNITY ARENA KNOWN AS VERTU MOTORS ARENA HAS CONTINUED TO GROW ACROSS THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD.

Community evening hours along with weekend hours are in heavy demand for the courts, especially with the Foundation player base growing so rapidly. The arena continues to host Foundation delivery plus local wheelchair basketball, netball and volleyball clubs with up to 3500 young people per week benefiting from club sport. During the day Newcastle College as anchor tenant utilises both the courts and classrooms as a base for sport further and higher education courses. In total more than 350 students have benefited from the arena facilities and an additional 600 with onsite exams four times a year.

Events within the building have developed with both existing and new clients, a handful of examples are below including sports, exhibitions, conferences, dinners and parties. Newcastle Eagles men's and women's teams our anchor tenant delivered a successful year on the court with the women reaching the SLB Play-Off Finals at The O2 Arena in London.














NEWCASTLE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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VERTU MOTORS ARENA
SCOTSWOOD ROAD
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE4 7AF
NEWCASTLE-EAGLES.COM/FOUNDATION

Vertu Motors ARENA

PURPOSE-BUILT COMMUNITY SPORTS ARENA, EVENTS VENUE AND HOME FOR THE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SINCE JANUARY 2019
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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Trustees	Paul Blake, Chair Eric Wilson Jeffrey King Susan Cumming David Forrester Alan Younger Stephen Savage Daniel Cooper
Company registered number	05400969
Charity registered number	1112997
Registered office	Eagles Community (Vertu Motors) Arena Clumber Street Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE4 7AF
Company secretary	Samantha Blake
Chief executive officer	Samantha Blake
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Bankers	Virgin Money 132-134 Northumberland Street Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE1 7DG
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

On behalf of all Eagles Community foundation staff and volunteers it is my privilege to present this report, reflecting on what has been a productive, inspiring, and impactful 2024–2025 season.

Over the past twelve months the Foundation has continued to maintain the number of players playing and competing at the Vertu Arena and in the constituent club sites, consolidating our programme as the largest single basketball community project in the United Kingdom and one of, if not the largest, youth community project in the region.

We continue to focus on our strategy to grow the number of basketball clubs we operate, sessions aimed at improving physical fitness, mental health awareness, and social inclusion. These clubs have proven vital in addressing isolation and promoting a sense of belonging.

Our collaboration with local schools, community groups, and sponsors has enabled us to broaden our impact and deliver high-quality programmes. Once again, this year our headline school projects: ‘Hoops for Health’ and ‘Science of Basketball’ have enabled us to work directly with almost 100 regional primary schools. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our partners for their continued trust and support.

Financially, the Foundation has remained stable, thanks to careful management and the generosity of our supporters and funders. This stability has allowed us to invest in new initiatives while maintaining the quality of our existing programmes. Nonetheless, we remain mindful of the challenges facing the sector and will continue to seek sustainable funding opportunities to secure our future growth.

None of our achievements this season would have been possible without the dedication of our staff and volunteers. Their passion, professionalism, and commitment are the driving force behind everything we do. I would also like to acknowledge the Board of Trustees for their guidance and governance throughout the year.

As we look ahead to the 2025–2026 season, we remain focused on expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and continuing to serve our community with integrity and purpose. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and are committed to building on the strong foundations maintained this year.

Paul Blake

Chair

Date:

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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The aims of our services for public benefit:

- to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing basketball
- to provide facilities for sport and recreation for people who need such facilities
- to advance the education of children and young people through such means as the Trustees see fit

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

1. Providing Facilities: The Vertu Motors Arena
The Foundation owns and operates the Vertu Motors Arena, a purpose-built basketball venue in Newcastle.The main operating hours of the building are for access to the public and community use via a multitude of access programmes including but not limited to; schools, clubs, and community groups.
The arena offers:
- Full-size courts for community hire
- Training facilities for grassroots and amateur teams
- Space for hosting local tournaments and events

2. Grassroots and Community Programs
The Foundation operates basketball sessions for all ages and abilities, including:
- School coaching; delivering basketball sessions during the school hours
- Holiday camps; promoting physical activity during school breaks
- Junior clubs; 13 local community sites offering sessions from U6 to U18
- Inclusive basketball; delivering a weekly session fully inclusives for adults with learning difficulties
- Educational; providing two key primary school programmes, STEM and Hoops4Health using the power of role models
- Junior league; providing a competitive outlet to junior players who would otherwise not have an outlet
- Workforce; training and mentoring individuals with National Governing Body qualifications
- Academy; providing an opportunity to extend performance

3. Inclusive and Targeted Outreach
The Foundation actively engages underrepresented groups by:
- Offering sessions in deprived communities
- Supporting initiatives for disabled people and those with mental health challenges
- Working with local councils and charities to remove barriers to access

4. Education & Leadership Development
The Foundation use basketball as a tool to broaden development

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Objectives and activities (continued)

- o Leadership and volunteer opportunities for young people and adults
- o Employability and mentoring programmes linked to sport
- o Healthy lifestyle programme with Hoops4Health
- o The Science of Basketball education programme

5. Partnerships

- The Foundation collaborates with:
- o Local schools and colleges.
- o Health and wellbeing initiatives.
- o Local charities, amateur sporting groups and organisations
- o Northeast Regional Combined Authority and Local Councils
- o Local NHS bodies and their associated charities

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Clubs and Eagles League

Delivering weekly participation and fully inclusive sessions within 13 local community sites across Tyne and Wear and Northumberland. The age groups delivered across the sites vary but are tasked with achieving U6/U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18. All club sites have an Eagles Head Coach and are supported by parents and volunteers. Many club sessions have at least one volunteer assistant with the opportunity to undertake courses to gain National Body Qualifications in coaching, refereeing and table officiating.

The Eagles Junior Central Venue League last year continued to deliver weekend fixtures with dedicated staff organising and running a competitive environment with mentoring and employment opportunities.

Academy

Delivering a comprehensive performance programme for young people to extend their talent. The year witnessed an increase from six teams to nine spanning U14's to U19's. Separately an advanced performance group took place with players invited from clubs, based at the Vertu Arena.

International honours

A route to represent internationally is promoted with players and staff encouraged to participate. This year one member of staff and two academy players represented home nations.

The Science of Basketball

The programme expanded this year with two programmes made available to local schools:

1. Reece Foundation and North of Tyne Combined Authority funded the programme enabling the womens team to deliver a key STEM education programme.
2. Pearson Engineering funded a bespoke 20 workshop engineering progamme.

This programme underpins two key messages; women in STEM and women in SPORT, delivered by the womens Superleague basketball team.

Hoops4Health

Northumbria Healthcare Trust, Northumbrian Water, North Tyneside Council, Hitachi Reliable Solutions and Vertu Motors funded the delivery of our flagship education programme. Not only educating young people on the benefits of healthy lifestyles but also promoting access to our junior club sessions.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Fundraising

A series of fundraising took place across the year supported by volunteers and companies. The total at year end was the highest ever received within a financial year.

d. Volunteers

The participation base over the past 24 months has required the support of more volunteers within the Foundation. The roles of volunteers are varied with key tasks for each person to enable the Foundation to deliver a number of quality programmes. This year hours pledged has increased again to 17,502 volunteer hours. The hours come to support in a range of ways including; junior club assistant coaches, parental support, academy team managers, academy coaches, painters and decorators, arena support amongst other roles.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

A review of our achievements and performance

Clubs and Eagles League

Demand for playing in our junior clubs remained at a similar level to the previous year. We have concentrated on further developing the workforce with;
- further development of internal cpd
- mentoring programmes
- access to governing body qualifications

Academy

The academy teams increased from six to nine with
- U14 girls
- U14 boys premier
- U14 boys conference
- U16 girls
- U16 boys premier
- U16 boys conference
- U18 womens

The under 19 age groups player pathway had changed the previous year and are now established at Newcastle College. This year has enabled the further development with an additional team:
- U19 men CBL
- U19 men AOC

Another two college programmes continue to be in place with Gateshead College and Tynemet College with AOC teams.

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

International honours

Coach Anthony Reed continued his journey with international teams changing from last year's Great Britain U16 to this year England U14 Boys assistant coach.

Eagles Academy star Robyn was again called up to the Welsh National programme, this time for the U16 girls and Sebastian Whyte was invited to England U15 boys training camp.

Newcastle College

The partnership continues to blossom with the sixth year of onsite courses and exams based at the Vertu Arena. The Foundation and college find new ways to engage with each other including Eagles staff assisting the college via Employer Advisory boards providing key employability sector feedback.

The Science of Basketball

Our flagship women's team programme underwent another expansion this year with 3107 young people benefiting from the original programme funded by Reece Foundation and North of Tyne Combined Authority.

An extension to the programme was developed and funded by Pearson Engineering, benefiting another 776 young people. The new programme based around engineering and the world of basketball.

Hoops4Health
Our original flagship primary school programme delivered again this season, engaging thousands of young people with healthy lifestyle practices. All council finals were delivered successfully at the Vertu Arena with funders present; Northumbria Healthcare Trust, Northumbrian Water, North Tyneside Council, Hitachi Reliable Solutions and Vertu Motors.

b. Fundraising activities and income generation

The major events which took place this season included:

- FRP (formerly; Williams Ali) 3v3 Corporate Challenge took place with 36 teams participating in a fun afternoon at the Vertu Arena in June. The entry fees, plus fundraising on the day saw a staggering £20,650 raised.
- Golf in the City named the Foundation one of two beneficiaries for their annual golf day and dinner taking place at Slaley Hall in May. In total the Foundation received a huge £8,300.
- Vertu Ford Activation Day at the Vertu Arena led to £2,600 being raised for the Foundation.
- Craig Thompson via a multitude of fundraising events donated £5,000
- Floor Co donated the equivalent of £2,600 in flooring and labour to resurface the teaching room

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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The balance sheet of the group at the year end shows net current liabilities of £42,534.

The Trustees have reviewed forecasts and cash flow projections and remain confident in the Foundation's ability to generate sufficient income and manage its cost base effectively over the next twelve months. In particular:

- The 2025-26 working cashflow with only three months trade is projecting a surplus
- There are no planned major arena capital investments in the short to medium term
- Newcastle City Council have reduced the loan to interest only until September 2028, positively affecting the cash at bank.
- The events programme for 2026-27 is strong with repeat customers and new partnerships coming onboard.
- Basketball revenue has remained a steady source of income with a focus on increasing numbers where there is space, helping to increase income.
- Staffing levels and payroll costs are expected to remain stable in the short to medium term.
- All legacy loans will be completed in May 2026 with only the Council loan remaining, strengthening the cash position.
- Newcastle College continued partnership now includes a multi-year car parking agreement which previously was an annual agreement giving more certainty
- Vertu Motors have signed an additional five year contract providing over half a million investment.

Based on these factors and planned operational activity, the Trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties that cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern

b. Reserves policy

At the year end, the Group holds £3,368,240 (2024: £3,526,800) in unrestricted funds and £nil (2024: £34,465) in restricted funds, giving total funds of £3,368,2408 (2024: £3,561,265).

The Trustees have a target to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of charitable expenditure. At the year ended 31 July 2025 this equates to approximately £447,000 (2024: £447,000). At this level of free reserves, the Group could maintain all operations for three months if no income was being generated. Free reserves was negative £(42,500) (2024: (208,200)) at the year end. The Trustees are aware free reserves need to increase and plan to increase fees for delivery to coincide with increases due to inflation and Government policy, such as NI and the minimum wage. The plan for fundraising has also increased with additional volunteers and local businesses coming forward to support the Foundation. This would increase the free reserves available.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

Risks to the organisation have been identified and are reviewed on an ongoing basis, and appropriate action is taken when needed:

- ensuring appropriate insurance cover
- identifying physical risks such as uneven surfaces
- reviewing fire safety systems and training staff
- ensuring staff have first aid training
- undertaking a general health and safety risk assessment throughout the premises

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d. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Foundation has engaged with Kore Health and Safety to ensure a robust internal structure on policies, training and procedures. Kore also work on events at the Arena, ensuring all health and safety laws and regulations are abided to and the Arena itself is protected with loadings.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The organisation is a charitable company, limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 22 March 2005 and registered with the Charities Commission on February 2006.

The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association as amended by special resolution dated 26 October 2005 which established the objects and powers of the Charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The organisation has a 100% owned trading company, The Eagles Community Arena, incorporated on 18 December 2018. The subsidiary's results are consolidated into the financial statements of the charity.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Trustees may be appointed in accordance with the provisions set out in section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 (or any subsequent statutory re-enactment or modification thereof). The Board of Trustees recognises the importance of ensuring that its composition reflects a diverse range of skills, experience, and perspectives that align with the charitable objectives of the Foundation.

To support this, the Foundation maintains a detailed skills matrix that is regularly reviewed to assess the current and future needs of the Board. This matrix helps identify gaps in expertise and informs the recruitment of new Trustees. When seeking new appointments, the Board actively targets individuals with specific competencies or sector knowledge, such as community engagement, youth development, finance, legal, education, safeguarding, or sports administration.

New Trustees are recruited through a transparent and open process, which may include public advertisement, consultation with stakeholders, or recommendations from within the sector. All prospective Trustees are subject to appropriate due diligence, and appointments are made based on merit, alignment with the Foundation’s values, and the ability to contribute effectively to the governance and strategic direction of the charity.

Trustees are inducted into the role through a structured onboarding process, which includes familiarisation with the charity’s work, legal responsibilities, and strategic priorities.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The directors of the Company are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of Charity Law and under the Company's Articles of Association are known as members of the Management Committee. All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity.

The Management Committee is made up of eight Trustees. The Committee meet on a quarterly basis and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Organisation.

A line management system is in place with day to day responsibility for the management of the Organisation resting with the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the Organisation delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. Day to day operational management is headed by individual team members using reporting structures and line management to finally report to the the Chief Executive and Trustees.

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All new Trustees receive a welcome pack, which contains key policies, strategic plans, code of conduct,etc. They also receive induction time with the Chief Executive and have opportunities to visit services and activities as well as being given access to any relevant training.

e. Pay policy for key management personnel

The Foundation holds and implements a benchmarking paper for all members of staff on a grading system. This exercise was carried out by industry professionals external to the Organisation. The Chief Executive of the Foundation presents a paper to the board of Trustees on an annual basis, with recommendations for inflation increases. This increase is based on the Real Living Wage Foundation percentage increase.

f. Related party relationships

Paul Blake is a majority shareholder of Newcastle Eagles Basketball Club Limited. Further information in respect of transactions between the group and the club can be found within the financial statements notes.

Geoffrey Forrester and Co Solicitors have provided a loan to Eagles Community Foundation. Geoffrey Forrester is a related party of David Forrester, a trustee of the Foundation. The loan was fully repaid by the Foundation on 27 December 2023.

g. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Group and the Company are exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Group and the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

Newcastle College Eagles – Further Education Academy

To again further expand the provision for the current new men’s academy and start a women’s academy.

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Plans for future periods (continued)

Arena

The arena continues to host major events and maximise returns to secure the funding needed to cover the major percentage of building costs. This enables the cost of using the Arena to an affordable level for community groups, schools and young people. A key partner is Vertu Motors, the main sponsor of the arena now in their fourth year.

Short term

Workforce development continues to be key to the Foundations success, continued and increased personal development within the current teams delivering on the ground is crucial. Plus, the need to reduce the stress on current staff with more training and development of others. This includes the identifying of key personnel both internally and externally.

STEM: The Science of Basketball, there is not only high demand from schools to increase the number of delivery workshops but also incredible feedback from beneficiaries. It is hoped funding will be sought to either repeat this year's delivery or expand the programme again next season. This delivery not only helps to normalise women in top level sport and STEM subjects but also provides both girls and boys with role models who are high level achievers. This work is providing the foundation for the women's and girls basketball programme, both playing, running and off court support.

Longer term

The Arena development is our first priority with continued discussions with the arena extension to enable further community impact.

Arena title sponsorship: having delivered year four of a five-year contract it has been rewarding working alongside a like-minded community responsible company. The investment is one the Foundation does not take lightly and are currently discussing the partnership beyond 2026.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Company and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

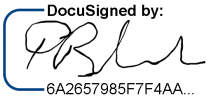
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Kinnair Associates Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 28 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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Paul Blake
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eagles Community Foundation (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 July 2025 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2025 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- the engagement director ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Group through discussions with management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charitable sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Group, including the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 et seq., and Charity Commission regulation and. taxation legislation
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- we ensured that the identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit

We assessed the susceptibility of the Group’s financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud and their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships; and
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- requesting correspondence with HMRC and the Charity Commission.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Detlev Anderson
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Detlev Anderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of
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Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**51,407**	**55,716**	**107,123**	*161,355*
Charitable activities	4	**24,800**	**798,930**	**823,730**	*773,743*
Other trading activities	5	**-**	**792,653**	**792,653**	*859,187*
Other income	6	**-**	**100,000**	**100,000**	*101,192*
Total income		**76,207**	**1,747,299**	**1,823,506**	*1,895,477*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	**-**	**210,111**	**210,111**	*238,130*
Charitable activities	8	**117,427**	**1,688,993**	**1,806,420**	*1,788,062*
Total expenditure		**117,427**	**1,899,104**	**2,016,531**	*2,026,192*
Net expenditure		**(41,220)**	**(151,805)**	**(193,025)**	*(130,715)*
Transfers between funds	20	**6,755**	**(6,755)**	**-**	*-*
Net movement in funds		**(34,465)**	**(158,560)**	**(193,025)**	*(130,715)*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**34,465**	**3,526,800**	**3,561,265**	*3,691,980*
Net movement in funds		**(34,465)**	**(158,560)**	**(193,025)**	*(130,715)*
Total funds carried forward		**-**	**3,368,240**	**3,368,240**	*3,561,265*

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05400969

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2025

	Note		2025 £		*2024 £*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**6,551,126**		*6,752,361*
			6,551,126		*6,752,361*
Current assets					
Stocks	15	**5,574**		*5,575*	
Debtors	16	**198,836**		*175,765*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**211,119**		*240,624*	
		415,529		*421,964*	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(458,063)**		*(622,550)*	
Net current liabilities			**(42,534)**		*(200,586)*
Total assets less current liabilities			**6,508,592**		*6,551,775*
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		**(3,140,352)**		*(2,990,510)*
Total net assets			**3,368,240**		*3,561,265*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	20		**-**		*34,465*
Unrestricted funds	20		**3,368,240**		*3,526,800*
Total funds			**3,368,240**		*3,561,265*

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 28 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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Trustee

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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05400969

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2025

	Note		2025 £		*2024 £*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**6,551,126**		*6,752,361*
Investments	14		**1**		*1*
			6,551,127		*6,752,362*
Current assets					
Debtors	16	**74,356**		*125,970*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**210,683**		*240,454*	
		285,039		*366,424*	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(327,574)**		*(568,628)*	
Net current liabilities			**(42,535)**		*(202,204)*
Total assets less current liabilities			**6,508,592**		*6,550,158*
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		**(3,140,352)**		*(2,990,510)*
Total net assets			**3,368,240**		*3,559,648*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	20		**-**		*34,465*
Unrestricted funds	20		**3,368,240**		*3,525,183*
Total funds			**3,368,240**		*3,559,648*

The Company's net movement in funds for the year was £(191,408) *(2024 - £(132,332))*.

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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Note	2025 £	*2024 £*
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	23	**125,115**	*113,227*
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		**-**	*632*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**-**	*(3,525)*
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**-**	**(2,893)**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of borrowing		**(21,286)**	*(41,285)*
Repayments of hire purchase		**-**	*(12,529)*
Interest paid on borrowings		**(133,334)**	*(174,509)*
Net cash used in financing activities		**(154,620)**	**(228,323)**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**(29,505)**	**(117,989)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**240,624**	*358,613*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	24	**211,119**	*240,624*

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1. General information

Eagles Community Foundation (parent charity) is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and is a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Eagles Community Arena (Vertu Motors Arena), Clumber Street, Scotswood Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE4 7AF.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Eagles Community Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Consolidated Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Financial Activities in these financial statements.

The financial statements are presented in pounds Sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The balance sheet of the company at the year end shows net current liabilities of £8,027.

The Trustees have reviewed forecasts and cash flow projections and remain confident in the Foundation’s ability to generate sufficient income and manage its cost base effectively over the next twelve months. In particular:

- The 2025-26 working cashflow with only three months trade is projecting a surplus
- There are no planned major arena capital investments in the short to medium term
- Newcastle City Council have reduced the loan to interest only until September 2028, positively affecting the cash at bank.
- The events programme for 2026-27 is strong with repeat customers and new partnerships coming onboard.
- Basketball revenue has remained a steady source of income with a focus on increasing numbers where there is space, helping to increase income.
- Staffing levels and payroll costs are expected to remain stable in the short to medium term.
- All legacy loans will be completed in May 2026 with only the Council loan remaining, strengthening

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Going concern (continued)

the cash position.
• Newcastle College continued partnership now includes a multi-year car parking agreement which previously was an annual agreement giving more certainty
• Vertu Motors have signed an additional five year contract providing over half a million investment.

Based on these factors and planned operational activity, the Trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties that cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Support costs within the Foundation are wholly allocated to its charitable activities. The fundraising grading activity costs are maintained within the subsidiary company. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Gift Aid

In the case of a Gift Aid payment made within the Group, income is accrued when the payment is payable to the Parent Company under a legal obligation. Measurement is at the fair value receivable, which will normally be the transaction value.

Where the right to receive Gift Aid has been established, the amount receivable is recognised as investment income in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property	-	2%	On cost
Leasehold property fittings	-	5%	On cost
Fixtures and fittings - Arena seating	-	4%	On cost
Fixtures and fittings - Other	-	15%	Reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	33%	On cost

2.7 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets are depreciated over their useful lives.The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.13 Pensions

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Group to the fund in respect of the year.

2.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations	-	35,860	**35,860**
Basketball Challenge Tournament	-	15,519	**15,519**
Dinner Fundraiser	-	4,241	**4,241**
Other	-	96	**96**
Grants			
Hoops 4 Health Grant	25,062	-	**25,062**
Reece Group - STEM Project	20,000	-	**20,000**
Sport Newcastle	250	-	**250**
STEAM Programme	12,500	-	**12,500**
BBC Children in Need	(6,755)	-	**(6,755)**
Rise NE - Coach core Grant	350	-	**350**
	51,407	55,716	**107,123**

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3. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	Restricted funds 2024	*Unrestricted funds 2024*	*Total funds 2024*
	£	*£*	*£*
Donations			
Gift aid	*-*	*33,199*	*33,199*
Donations	*-*	*17,030*	*17,030*
Northumbria Police	*-*	*983*	*983*
Dinner Fundraiser	*-*	*2,520*	*2,520*
Other	*-*	*2,045*	*2,045*
Grants			
Hoops for Health	*23,063*	*-*	*23,063*
Reece Group	*20,000*	*-*	*20,000*
Basketball England	*-*	*1,200*	*1,200*
North of Tyne Inspire Grant	*15,000*	*-*	*15,000*
NE Combined Authority - STEM - Science of Basketball Grant	*43,165*	*-*	*43,165*
Rise NE - Coach core Grant	*3,150*	*-*	*3,150*
Subtotal	*3,150*	*-*	*3,150*
	104,378	*56,977*	*161,355*

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2025	**Unrestricted funds 2025**	**Total funds 2025**
	£	**£**	**£**
Clubs and similar activities	24,800	755,115	**779,915**
Coaching fees	-	43,815	**43,815**
	24,800	798,930	**823,730**

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4. Income from charitable activities (continued)

	Restricted funds 2024 £	*Unrestricted funds 2024* £	*Total funds 2024* £
Clubs and similar activities	*33,444*	*669,730*	*703,174*
Coaching fees	-	*70,569*	*70,569*
	33,444	*740,299*	*773,743*

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Total funds 2025** £	*Total funds 2024* £
Event and court hire	352,492	**352,492**	*345,992*
Food and beverage sales	440,161	**440,161**	*513,195*
	792,653	**792,653**	*859,187*

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Total funds 2025** £	*Total funds 2024* £
Sponsorship income	100,000	**100,000**	*100,000*

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7. Expenditure on raising funds

Fundraising trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Subsidiary food and beverage costs	206,538	**206,538**	*236,346*
Other subsidiary costs	3,573	**3,573**	*1,784*
	210,111	**210,111**	*238,130*

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Community basketball activities	1,293,192	513,228	**1,806,420**

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	*Support costs 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Community basketball activities	*1,363,263*	*424,799*	*1,788,062*

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Staff costs	673,898	**673,898**	*715,010*
Depreciation	34,903	**34,903**	*38,805*
Activity costs	49,332	**49,332**	*34,418*
Club and similar direct costs	236,061	**236,061**	*205,890*
Arena costs	292,174	**292,174**	*356,179*
Office costs	6,824	**6,824**	*12,961*
	1,293,192	**1,293,192**	*1,363,263*

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Staff costs	**212,028**	*214,836*
Depreciation	**166,332**	*12,935*
Loan and Hire Purchase interest payable	**77,882**	*133,996*
Governance costs	**56,986**	*63,032*
	513,228	*424,799*

All support costs are allocated against the community basketball charitable activity.

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9. Governance costs

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Legal and professional fees	**37,740**	*33,841*
Auditors remuneration	**11,125**	*7,600*
Accountancy charges	**6,163**	*20,039*
Bank charges	**1,958**	*1,552*
	56,986	*63,032*

10. Auditors' remuneration

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts	**6,625**	*7,600*
Fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect of:		
All non-audit services not included above	**4,500**	*4,350*

11. Staff costs

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	Company 2025 £	*Company 2024 £*
Wages and salaries	**808,087**	*855,044*	**808,087**	*855,044*
Social security costs	**45,606**	*50,413*	**45,606**	*50,413*
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**32,233**	*24,389*	**32,233**	*24,389*
	885,926	*929,846*	**885,926**	*929,846*

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	Group 2025 No.	*Group 2024 No.*	Company 2025 No.	*Company 2024 No.*
Average number of employees	**163**	*158*	**163**	*158*

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11. Staff costs (continued)

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees, chief executive officer and chief operating officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £130,152 (2024: £112,595).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits *(2024 - £NIL)*.

During the year ended 31 July 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred *(2024 - £NIL)*.

13. Tangible fixed assets

Group and Company

	Long-term leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 August 2024	**6,190,043**	**904,803**	**12,837**	**7,107,683**
At 31 July 2025	**6,190,043**	**904,803**	**12,837**	**7,107,683**
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2024	**-**	**342,485**	**12,837**	**355,322**
Charge for the year	**154,698**	**46,537**	**-**	**201,235**
At 31 July 2025	**154,698**	**389,022**	**12,837**	**556,557**
Net book value				
At 31 July 2025	**6,035,345**	**515,781**	**-**	**6,551,126**
At 31 July 2024	*6,190,043*	*562,318*	*-*	*6,752,361*

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14. Fixed asset investments

Company	Investment in subsidiary £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 August 2024	**1**
At 31 July 2025	**1**
Net book value	
At 31 July 2025	**1**
At 31 July 2024	*1*

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Company:

Name	Company number	Registered office or principal place of business	Principal activity
Eagles Community Arena Limited	11731561	Eagles Community Arena, Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AF.	Provision of sporting activities

Class of shares	Included in consolidation
Ordinary	Yes

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit/(Loss) / Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year £	Net assets £
Eagles Community Arena Limited	**850,986**	**(600,111)**	**250,875**	**1**

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15. Stocks

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*
Finished goods and goods for resale	**5,574**	*5,575*

16. Debtors

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	Company 2025 £	*Company 2024 £*
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	**155,527**	*169,625*	**45,152**	*89,868*
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**-**	*-*	**-**	*29,962*
Other debtors	**43,309**	*6,140*	**29,204**	*6,140*
	198,836	*175,765*	**74,356**	*125,970*

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	Company 2025 £	*Company 2024 £*
Other loans	**5,565**	*26,851*	**5,565**	*26,851*
Trade creditors	**73,010**	*68,495*	**69,011**	*65,964*
Amounts owed to group undertakings	**-**	*-*	**120,309**	*100,000*
Other taxation and social security	**132,042**	*114,329*	**12,825**	*13,780*
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	**88**	*88*	**88**	*88*
Other creditors	**3,961**	*7,468*	**3,582**	*6,009*
Accruals and deferred income	**243,397**	*405,319*	**116,194**	*355,936*
	458,063	*622,550*	**327,574**	*568,628*

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Group

Deferred income comprises sponsorship income and Arena events income relating to future periods. The amount released in the current year is £75,000 (2024: £75,000) and amounts deferred at the year end are £125,661 (2024: £89,700).

Charity

Deferred income comprises sponsorship income relating to future periods. The amount released in the current year is £41,667 (2024: £41,667) and amounts deferred at the year end are £Nil (2024: £41,667).

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	**Company 2025 £**	*Company 2024 £*
Other loans	**3,140,352**	*2,990,510*	**3,140,352**	*2,990,510*

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

Between one and two years				
Between two and five years				
Other loans	**88,663**	-	**88,663**	-
Over five years				
Other loans	**3,051,689**	*2,990,510*	**3,051,689**	*2,990,510*

The aggregate amount of liabilities payable or repayable wholly or in part more than five years after the reporting date is:

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	**Company 2025 £**	*Company 2024 £*
Payable or repayable by instalments	**3,051,689**	*2,990,510*	**3,051,689**	*2,990,510*
	3,051,689	*2,990,510*	**3,051,689**	*2,990,510*

This loan is repayable to the City of Newcastle Council over 35 years, being extended to 43 years after the impact of Covid. Interest is repaid on the loan at a rate of 4.47% per annum. The advance by the City of Newcastle Council is secured on the building. The Council is the freeholder and has granted a 250 year lease to the charity for the site.

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19. Financial instruments

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	Company 2025 £	*Company 2024 £*
Financial assets				
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	**211,119**	*240,624*	**210,683**	*240,454*

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash held.

20. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 August 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 July 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	**3,526,800**	**1,747,299**	**(1,899,104)**	**(6,755)**	**3,368,240**
Restricted funds					
Restricted Fund - H4H	**-**	**49,862**	**(49,862)**	**-**	**-**
Restricted Fund - Reece Group STEM Project	**-**	**20,000**	**(20,000)**	**-**	**-**
Restricted Fund - North East Combined Authority - STEM - Science of Basketball Grant	**34,465**	**-**	**(34,465)**	**-**	**-**
Restricted Fund - Rise North East - Coach Core - apprentice grant	**-**	**350**	**(350)**	**-**	**-**
Restricted Fund - Sport Newcastle	**-**	**250**	**(250)**	**-**	**-**
Restricted Fund - STEAM Programme	**-**	**12,500**	**(12,500)**	**-**	**-**
Restricted Fund - BBC Children in Need	**-**	**(6,755)**	**-**	**6,755**	**-**
	34,465	**76,207**	**(117,427)**	**6,755**	**-**
Total of funds	**3,561,265**	**1,823,506**	**(2,016,531)**	**-**	**3,368,240**

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted Fund - Hoops 4 Health - this Fund is to provide a healthy living programme to the community with professional sporting role models using basketball.

Restricted Fund - Reece Group grant, North East Combined Authority grant and STEM programme grant were provided to deliver the STEM Project which looked at the science of basketball.

Restricted Fund - Rise North East - Coach Core - apprentice grant supporting the employment of Frank Thomas.

Restricted Fund - Sport Newcastle - the money was to offset one of the affiliated club's junior player's academy fees.

Restricted Fund - BBC Children in Need - this fund related to a pre COVID project which the Charity was unable to deliver in full due to COVID restrictions and therefore the money not spent was returned to the funder.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Balance at 31 July 2024* £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	*3,691,980*	*1,757,655*	*(1,922,835)*	*3,526,800*
Restricted funds				
Restricted Fund - H4H	-	*56,507*	*(56,507)*	-
Restricted Fund - Reece Group STEM Project	-	*20,000*	*(20,000)*	-
Restricted Fund - North of Tyne Inspire Grant	-	*15,000*	*(15,000)*	-
Restricted Fund - North East Combined Authority - STEM - Science of Basketball Grant	-	*43,165*	*(8,700)*	*34,465*
Restricted Fund - Rise North East - Coach Core - apprentice grant	-	*3,150*	*(3,150)*	-
	-	*137,822*	*(103,357)*	*34,465*
Total of funds	*3,691,980*	*1,895,477*	*(2,026,192)*	*3,561,265*

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21. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 August 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 July 2025 £
General funds	**3,526,800**	**1,747,299**	**(1,899,104)**	**(6,755)**	**3,368,240**
Restricted funds	**34,465**	**76,207**	**(117,427)**	**6,755**	**-**
	3,561,265	**1,823,506**	**(2,016,531)**	**-**	**3,368,240**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Balance at 31 July 2024 £*
General funds	*3,691,980*	*1,757,655*	*(1,922,835)*	*3,526,800*
Restricted funds	*-*	*137,822*	*(103,357)*	*34,465*
	3,691,980	*1,895,477*	*(2,026,192)*	*3,561,265*

22. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,551,126	**6,551,126**
Current assets	415,529	**415,529**
Creditors due within one year	(458,063)	**(458,063)**
Creditors due in more than one year	(3,140,352)	**(3,140,352)**
Total	3,368,240	**3,368,240**

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22. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2024 £	*Unrestricted funds 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Tangible fixed assets	*-*	*6,752,361*	*6,752,361*
Current assets	*34,465*	*387,499*	*421,964*
Creditors due within one year	*-*	*(622,550)*	*(622,550)*
Creditors due in more than one year	*-*	*(2,990,510)*	*(2,990,510)*
Total	*34,465*	*3,526,800*	*3,561,265*

23. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(193,025)**	*(130,715)*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**201,235**	*51,740*
Bank interest receivable	**-**	*(632)*
Loan interest charge	**77,882**	*133,996*
Decrease in stocks	**1**	*1,951*
Increase in debtors	**(23,071)**	*(24,690)*
Increase in creditors	**62,093**	*81,577*
Net cash provided by operating activities	**125,115**	*113,227*

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24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*
Cash in hand	**211,119**	*240,624*
Total cash and cash equivalents	**211,119**	*240,624*

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 August 2024 £	Cash flows £	Other non-cash changes £	At 31 July 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**240,624**	**(29,505)**	**-**	**211,119**
Debt due within 1 year	**(26,934)**	**21,369**	**-**	**(5,565)**
Debt due after 1 year	**(2,990,510)**	**-**	**(149,842)**	**(3,140,352)**
Finance leases	**(88)**	**-**	**-**	**(88)**
	(2,776,908)	**(8,136)**	**(149,842)**	**(2,934,886)**

26. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund.

Contributions totalling £16,027 (2024: £14,607) were payable to the scheme in the year. Contributions totalling £3,240 (2024: £3,570) were unpaid as the year end and included within other creditors.

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27. Operating lease commitments

At 31 July 2025 the Group and the Company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*
Not later than 1 year	**845**	*1,112*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**1,410**	-
	2,255	*1,112*

28. Related party transactions

Eagles Community Foundation

During the year the Charity incurred sales of £39,948 (2024: £41,396) to Newcastle Eagles (Basketball) Limited, a company in which Paul Blake is a director and who is also a director and owns 74% of the holding company, Newcastle Eagles (Holdings) Limited. Outstanding at the year end and included in trade debtors is £35,500 (2024: £69,000).

With regards Newcastle Eagles (Basketball) Limited, during the year the Charity incurred expenses of £124,752 (2024: £10,583). Outstanding at the year end and included in trade creditors is £15,464 (2024: £12,700).

David Forrester, a Trustee, is a director of Geoffrey Forrester & Co. Limited. The company had provided the Charity with a loan a number of years ago which was repaid in full in the prior year.

Eagles Community Arena Limited

During the year the Company incurred sales of £7,564 (2024: £11,438) to Newcastle Eagles (Basketball) Limited, a company in which Paul Blake is a director and who is also a director and owns 74% of the holding company, Newcastle Eagles (Holdings) Limited. Outstanding at the year end and included in trade debtors is £6,522 (2024: £Nil).

29. Controlling party

The members of the Board of Trustees are considered to be the controlling party.

EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1112997

Accounts

NEWCASTLE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Vertu Motors ARENA

hoops 4 health

All Hoops4Health roadshows are delivered by our men's and women's British Basketball League players and staff.



61 schools participated.

4,217 roadshow participants.

154 school teams in tournaments.

1,301 young people in tournaments.

JUNIOR Clubs

100,180 individual places filled at club sessions across the year.

13 junior club sites across the North East.

2,455 registered junior players.

Junior Clubs

The Eagles junior league has expanded again this year with our highest ever demand for competitive basketball. The league spans twenty-four weekends at the Vertu Motors Arena across the academic year.



162 competing teams with CVL.

1620 registered junior players.

1200+ competiting in CVL each week.

FOUNDATION *Volunteers*

Volunteers are integral to the Foundations delivery, each of our community clubs have various volunteer opportunities ranging from assistant coaches, team managers, fundraising, washing kits to administration support.



101 Volunteers

16,040+ Hours donated

THANKS TO OUR *Trustees*

On behalf of the Eagles Community Foundation, thank you to all of our Board of Trustees for their commitment this year: Alan Younger, Dave, Forrester, Eric Wilson, Jeff King, Paul Blake, Rob Page, Stephen Savage and Su Cumming

INTRODUCTION FROM Paul Blake

CHAIRMAN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Over the past twelve months the Foundation has continued to grow the number of players playing and competing at the arena on weekends to the point where we are now full.

We have up to 140 hours of competition at the Vertu Motors Arena on weekends across all three courts plus academy and women's home games.

The Foundation is arguably the single biggest youth club in the north-east of England with 2455 young people and their families benefiting weekly.

Due to the growth the need for more volunteers has been crucial with the hours pledged has doubled to a staggering 16,040 across the year. This support is more appreciated as we deliver a unique player pathway to young people, across all participation and performance opportunities.

We can see that the generations coming through will change the attitude of those in power and how sport is funded or which sports are prioritised. We are seeing it already within schools and communities. In our home the Vertu Motors Arena all we hope is to leave our young people with the power to determine their own futures and reach their own personal excellence.

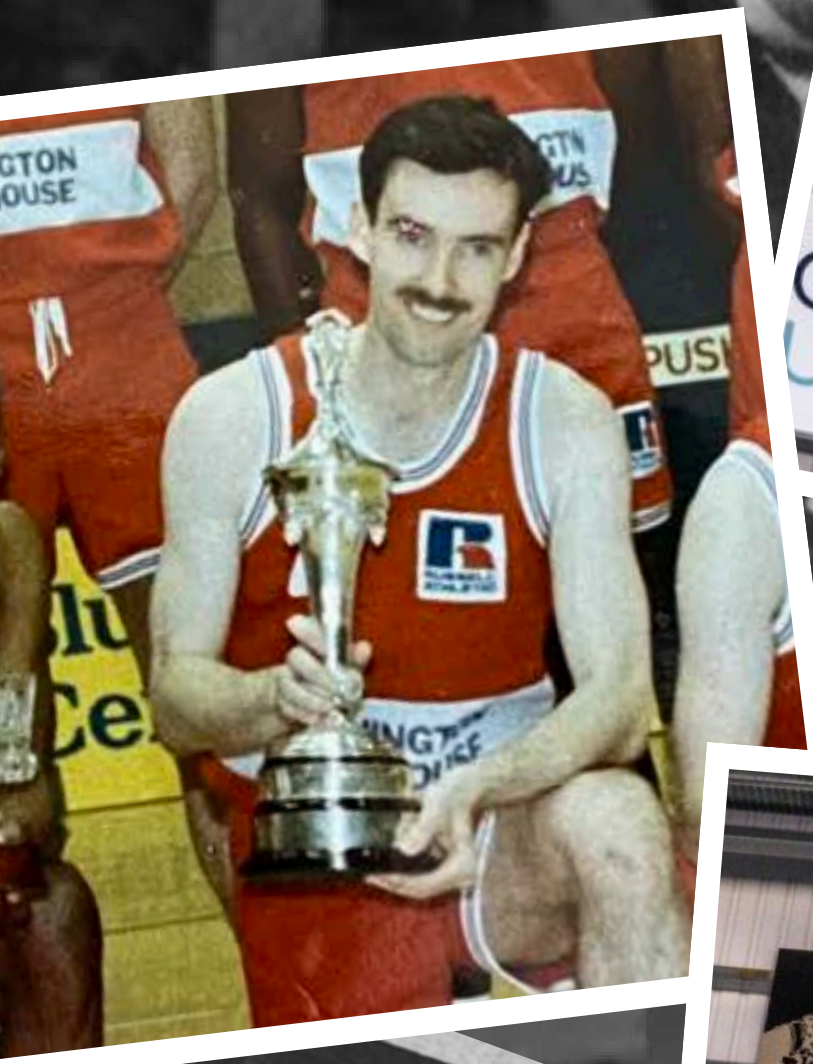
I would like to thank all this years players, funders, partners, families, volunteers, staff and fellow trustees for the hard work that has been put in to make this 2023-24 year such a memorable one.



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HONOURING
Ken Nottage





WE DEDICATED OUR EAST STAND TO THE FORMER EAGLES PLAYER AND CLUB DIRECTOR WHO WE SADLY LOST THIS SEASON





OUR PLAYER Pathway



BBL & WBBL

NBL D1 & EABL

College Teams

Newcastle CBL & AOC

Gateshead AOC/ Tyne Met AOC

Academy

Central Venue League

162 teams

Club Development Programmes

13 junior clubs at sites across the region

Primary School Programmes

Including Hoops 4 Health and STEM

Secondary School Programmes

Including School Leagues

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Hoops4Health

The Hoops 4 Health programme is a healthy living programme delivered to key stage 2 pupils with more than three thousand pupils across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland benefiting across 2023-24.
Funding partners included:

- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbrian Healthcare Trust Hospital Volunteer Service
- Northumbrian Water

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The programme consists of five stages and this year delivery happened in each of the schools taking part. Every part of the programme is delivered by either the Newcastle Eagles or Eagles Community Foundation and the following pages will give a more detailed account of what each stage entails.



STAGE 1 - ROADSHOWS

An informative afternoon in each of the schools delivering key health related messages



STAGE 2 - COACHING

Four hours of coaching are delivered per school by community coaches.



STAGE 3 - TOURNAMENTS

Six tournaments are held for each local authority area



STAGE 4 - FINALS

Each tournament has a tournament final held at the Vertu Motors Arena



STAGE 5 - CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

All tournament winners are invited back to the Vertu Motors Arena to compete for the ultimate crown;. Champion of Champions

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS - 4,217

NEWCASTLE SCHOOLS

School
Bridgewater Primary School
Byker Primary School
Gosforth Central Middle School (2 roadshows)
Gosforth Junior High Academy (2 roadshows)
Our Lady & St Anne's Primary School
St Michael's Primary School
St John Vianney Primary School
St Alban's RC Primary School
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

NORTHUMBERLAND

School
New Delaval Primary School
Ponteland Community Primary School
Cambois Primary School
Ovingham Middle School

NORTH TYNESIDE

School	
Balliol Primary School	Greenfields Primary School
Collingwood Primary School	Hazelwood Primary School
Denbigh Primary School	Amberley Primary School
New York Primary School	Percy Main Primary School
Preston Grange Primary School	Benton Dene Primary School
Redesdale Primary School	Richardson Dees Primary School
Riverside Primary School	Battle Hill Primary School
Shiremoor Primary School	Ivy Road Primary School
Wallsend Jubilee Primary School	Wellfield Middle School
Western Community School	Valley Gardens Middle School (2 roadshows)
Marden Bridge Middle School (2 roadshows)	Monkhouse Primary School
St Cuthberts Primary School	

SOUTH TYNESIDE

School
Biddick Hall Junior School
Forest View Primary School
Harton Primary School
Stanhope Primary School
St Bede's RC Primary School

change 4 life
Eat well Move more Live longer

North Tyneside Council

NORTHUMBRIAN WATER living water

NHS
Northumbria Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

HVS

GATESHEAD

School
Caedmon Primary School
Crookhill Primary School
Glynwood Community School
Harlow Green Primary School
Kells Lane Primary School
Falla Park Primary School
Larkspur Primary School
Fellside Primary School
Ravensworth Primary School
Corpus Christie Primary School
Kelvin Grove Primary School

SUNDERLAND

School
Barnes Junior School
East Herrington Primary School
Farringdon Academy
Hill View Primary School
Richard Avenue Primary School



SUPPORTED BY

change 4 life
North Tyneside Council
NORTHUMBRIAN WATER living water
NHS
Northumbria Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust
HVS

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMME

STEM Programme

STEM

REECE FOUNDATION

NORTH OF TYNE COMBINED AUTHORITY

INTRODUCTION

Today the programme is integral to the women's team who are deeply passionate about benefiting our community. Reece Foundation committed to another year of funding alongside new funder North of Tyne Combined Authority. This enabled the number of roadshows to increase to 52 across the year.

It is well documented that women face similar challenges in pursuing sport as they do in pursuing academia or work roles in STEM fields, which is why we believe having our women's team as the focal point of the project will help break long standing stereotypes and provide the representation to inspire the next generation.

Academia plays a huge role in the career of professional basketball players – especially female basketball players. The majority have university degrees with a high percentage continuing to a Master's degree also. This is a major teaching point in the program – making the connection between academia and sport and the significance it has for women in particular – which is why women's team players Chloe Gaynor and Marina Fernandez now design and deliver the program.

There have been benefits not only to the students taking part, but also to our women's programme as a result of our STEM project. From being able to engage more in the community, and promote our girls only sessions and games,. For another year the participants of the STEM programme received a free golden ticket to a women's home game during the season.







TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE BENEFITING

2192

FEEDBACK

"The STEM event provided by the Newcastle Eagles was invaluable in providing our pupils with a developed understanding of the practical application of maths, science, engineering and technology in an enjoyable, fun yet informative way.

Being taught by the players themselves was in itself a great experience for the children as they stand out not only as role models in sport but more specifically as females in sport. For them to then be highlighting the value of these subjects in a sport which they, and our pupils, love is significant in supporting the children to understand why these lessons are important and how their interest in them can lead into different career pathways, their aspirations therefore being raised through the visit.

The delivery of the session was engaging and feedback from the pupils was of the highest standard. They loved the combination of tasks that were undertaken including the video analysis linked to percentages, the technological aspect of shoe design and of course the chance to be on the Eagles court shooting free throws and working out averages. The visit we undertook was undoubtedly one of the pupils' favourites of the year and, as educators, we cannot stress enough the importance of opportunities such as this for our pupils."

Jenny O'Neil, Deputy Head Teacher, Biddick Hall Junior School

"The Eagles STEM visit was brilliant. Now the pupils are absolutely buzzing about basketball. They are demanding that I buy basketball hoops and other equipment for the yard now. I think they've totally been inspired!"

Matthew Alison, Class Teacher, Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy

"It was very engaging and the pupils were interested in the content. There were lots of links to our curriculum within maths and science so it worked as a great recap for the year. The facility was great and the pupils really enjoyed the practical part of the session. The pupils were able to relate and connect to Chloe and Marina. This was really nice to observe! The booklets were informative and appropriate and it was nice how they could take them home and do more work. E.g. Design a trainer." **Toby Hutton, Class Teacher, New Delaval Primary School**





"IT WAS FUN WATCHING THE VIDEOS OF THE PLAYERS AND RECORDING THEIR STATS - I WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS WHEN I AM OLDER."

Pupil testimony

CLUB DEVELOPMENT
Community Clubs

The Eagles Community Foundation (ECF) run 13 junior club sites across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland. The sites provide structured club sessions for those players that have transitioned from our school outreach programme.

We welcome all youngsters and young adults into the clubs no matter how much playing experience or exposure to the sport they have previously had. At each club site the coach(es) will work with the players to help them improve on their skill levels and get an understanding of the rules and the game of basketball. The players will be made aware of the player pathway and the officiating/coaching opportunities.

Although players will have the opportunity to have some competitive play at the club sessions it is important that they also have the opportunity to play against other clubs at their age group. The Eagles Central Venue League allows all players to have that competitive outlet with no need for trials to make the team. Teams are then split into divisions to make it competitive and ensure the players get the most out of competing. Being a part of a team encourages players to work as a team to achieve common goals. It also gives the players the experiencing of both winning and losing and how to deal with both situations.

Like with all sports the volunteers across the club sites are invaluable to what we do. The volunteers take on a whole list of duties ranging from coaching to fundraising allowing the head coaches to be able to just coach the players. The volunteers are made up of junior players, former players and parents.

The membership has grown again from last year with eleven of the clubs going beyond 100 members and four clubs with more than 200 members.

TOTAL JUNIOR CLUBS 13
TOTAL PLAYERS 2,455

AGE GROUPS & MEMBERSHIP 2023-24

Gateshead	
Cardinal Hornets U6-U18	275
Whickham Royals U8-U18	255
Ryton Rockets U10-U18	92

Newcastle	
Gosforth Goliants U10-U18	226
Kenton Force U12-U18	146
East Griffins U10-U18	170
West Hoopstars U10-U18	152
Mini Eagles	104

Northumberland	
Cramlington Vikings U10-U18	210
Morpeth U12-U18	77
Ponteland U10-U16	111

North Tyneside	
North Shields U10-U18	162
Tyne Met Tigers U12-14	152

South Tyneside	
South Tyneside U8-U18	194

FROM THE EAGLES *To The NBA*

OUR ACADEMY GRADUATE TOSAN EVBUOMWAN BECAME THE FIRST HOMEGROWN DEVELOPED BRITISH PLAYER TO PLAY IN THE NBA





10 DAY CONTRACT WITH MEMPHIS



EARNS CONTRACT WITH DETROIT



FROM THE EAGLES
To The NBA

CLUB LEGEND AND FORMER PLAYER-COACH FAB FLOURNOY MBE MOVED FROM TORONTO TO PHILADELPHIA THIS SEASON



ASSISTANT COACH TO NICK NURSE AT THE 76ERS



RETURNED HOME TO WATCH AN EAGLES GAME AND CATCH UP WITH FORMER ASSISTANT COACH AND FOUNDATION TRUSTEE DAVE FORRESTER

COMPETITION STRUCTURE
Eagles CVL





TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS COMPETING 162

PREVIOUS YEAR TEAMS COMPETING 135

The Eagles Central Venue League (CVL) is a development league giving all ECF club players the opportunity to play the game competitively. The league operates a policy that if you want to play then you are on a team and is not determined by players having to attend any trials. To allow new teams to enter and for the league to have the ability to expand, it is split into two blocks across the season. This year the age groups attending Saturday or Sunday changed due to the number of teams playing. A transitional year witnessed U12's moving to a Sunday with the following structure;
Saturday: U14's, U16's, U18's
Sunday: U12s, U10's, U8's

The Saturday league runs full court 5 v 5 games at a full height basket with both boys and girls competing. Each game is played with a running clock to ensure that all fixtures can be played. Each of the teams have a coach to help support and encourage the players.

On a Sunday the league changes from U12's full court to U8's and U10's league played on half courts with the side hoops lowered to 8ft. Instead of 5v5 this age group plays 4v4 games.

The Foundation provides an opportunity for people to gain governing body qualifications in refereeing, officiating and coaching. This then helps players, parents and individuals wanting to support the league become involved and work or volunteer alongside full time members of the outreach team. This has enabled the growth in workforce development for basketball in the region with many people continuing to develop further in the sport with additional qualifications.

An increase in teams and the expansion again this year has resulted in needing to recruit more officials and coaches.

Those that gain their award are then employed by the foundation including people as young as 14. Gaining officiating awards allows people to gain experience and thus confidence in working across all age groups.

The coaching pathway is really important to us as a foundation as it ensures that we have a pool of coaches to be able to deliver in both clubs and across the outreach programme.

ELITE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY
Eagles Academy



The Newcastle Eagles Academy provides a performance environment for junior players the chance to train and play in the highest leagues competing in the Basketball England National League. Players are selected for the squads after going through two-stage trial process. Each of our six teams select 15 squad players from over 400 girls and boys who decide to trial. The squads travel around the country playing against other academies with leagues consisting of around 8-12 teams. At the end of the regular season the top teams in each league advance to a playoff format to crown champions of each age group.

We had six teams competing in the Junior National Basketball League. Three at u14s (boys x2 & girls) and three at u16 (boys x2 & girls). In addition, we have added the 'Advanced Development Group' to prepare younger players for the academy, these were six groups with monthly on-court and educations sessions. The newly formed under 19 academy rounds out the whole provision with a key partnership with Newcastle College enabling us to field two teams with all players basing their academics at Newcastle College group.

Altogether, eight teams will be competing with an additional six training groups at the pre-academy level with ADG… over 220 players!

UNDER 14 GIRLS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISON
Head Coach: Selin Straughan
Assistant Coach: Rachel Bland

Pos	Team	Wins	Losses
1	Manchester Mystics	12	3
2	Sheffield Hatters	9	3
3	Lancashire Spinners	5	7
4	Manchester Mystics II	4	8
5	Newcastle Eagles	0	12



National Call-ups

IAN, ANTH & ROBYN FLY EAGLES FLAG INTERNATIONALLY

IAN MACLEOD

Ian MacLeod continued his national team career as GB U18 Assistant Coach at the European Championships in North Macedonia.

Ian also assisted the U18 Men's team during the European Championship qualifiers the summer before.

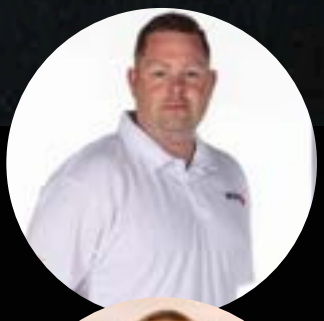
ANTH REED

Joining Coach Macleod in North Macedonia was Coach Anth Reed, who joined the Great Britain U16 as S&C and Assistant Coach throughout the European Championships.

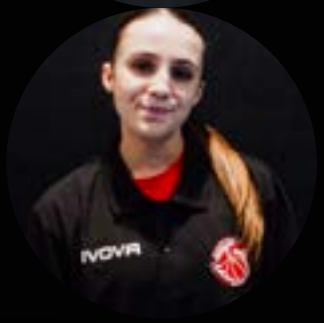
ROBYN DONNELLY

Eagles Academy star Robyn, has been selected to join the Welsh National U14 girls team ahead of a busy 12 months of camps and tournaments.

Robyn shares, "I am looking forward to representing Wales at the National Level. Without the support, guidance, and encouragement from my coaches, this wouldn't have been possible. I would like to thank them all for their continued support and The Eagles for investing in Grass Roots Basketball."







UNDER 14 BOYS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION
Head Coach: Zoe Willis



Pos	Team	Wins	Losses
1	Manchester Magic	14	0
2	Milton Keynes Breakers	11	3
3	Manchester Giants Blue	9	4
4	Leicester Riders Foundation	7	7
5	Newcastle Eagles	6	8
6	City of Birmingham Rockets	5	9
7	St Helens Saints	3	12
8	City of Leeds Gold	0	14

UNDER 14 BOYS

CONFERENCE NORTH DIVISION
Head Coach:

Pos	Team	Wins	Losses
1	Doncaster Eagles	21	1
2	Milton Keynes Breakers	11	3
3	Manchester Giants Blue	9	4
4	Leicester Riders Foundation	7	7
5	Newcastle Eagles	6	8
6	City of Birmingham Rockets	5	9
7	St Helens Saints	3	12
8	City of Leeds Gold	0	14



UNDER 16 GIRLS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION
Head Coach: Marina Fernandez



Pos	Team	Wins	Losses
1	Milton Keynes Breakers	16	0
2	Manchester Mystics	14	2
3	Sheffield Hatters	11	5
4	Leicester Riders Foundation	10	6
5	Trafford Mystics	5	9
6	Nottingham Wildcats	5	10
7	Newcastle Eagles	3	12
8	Bristol Academy Flyers	14	0

UNDER 16 BOYS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISON
Head Coach: Chloe Gaynor
Assistant coach: Joe ?



Pos	Team	Wins	Losses
1	Manchester Magic	22	0
2	Manchester Giants	18	4
3	City of Birmingham Rockets	17	5
4	Newcastle Eagles	14	8
5	Milton Keynes Breakers	14	8
6	Derby Trailblazers	11	11
7	York Eagles 1	11	11
8	Leicester Riders Foundation I	9	13
9	Trafford Magic	6	16
10	Sheffield Elite Basketball Academy	5	17
11	City of Leeds Gold	4	18
12	Northamptonshire Titans Orange	1	21

UNDER 16 BOYS

CONFERENCE NORTH DIVISON
Head Coach:
Assistant coach:

Pos	Team	Wins	Losses
1	Newcastle Eagles	22	0
2	Leeds LDM	18	4
3	Teesside Lions	15	7
4	City of Edinburgh	15	7
5	Team QE Basketball Academy	14	8
6	Tees Valley Mohawks	14	8
7	Bradford Dragons	10	12
8	Barnsley Sports Academy Metros	8	14
9	York Eagles 2	7	15
10	East Durham Lions	4	18
11	City of Leeds Black	3	18
12	Bradford Dragons 2	1	21



TOTAL NUMBER OF ACADEMY PLAYERS

192



Golf In The City

GOLF IN THE CITY PUTTS SHARE OF £13,710 INTO THE FOUNDATION

North east based networking group Golf in the City (GITC) put their sporting skills to good use and raised £13,710 for the Eagles Community Foundation and St Cuthbert's Hospice.

This year the two charities benefited from the event with all funds raised split equally, ensuring that the proceeds will directly benefit young people in the North East.

"We were amazed last year at the amount we raised but this year, we have gone at least one under par. We are thrilled that the Newcastle Eagles Foundation and St Cuthbert's Hospice will benefit from our love of the sport" Marc Millar

"This is now an annual event, and we hope to continue supporting local charities and fostering a sense of community through our passion for golf." Jenna Herlingshaw

"The GITC committee is thrilled to support the two charities that provide brilliant work in our local North East community. We are grateful to all the participants, sponsors, and supporters who contributed to the success of this event" Matthew Brady

The networking group of over 100 local people provides regular opportunities for golf enthusiasts to come together, forge connections, and enjoy the camaraderie of the game. GITC is committed to giving back to the local community through charitable initiatives combining their love for golf with helping good causes.

NEWCASTLE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

St Oswald's Hospice

Vertu Motors ARENA

FURTHER EDUCATION
CBL & AOC

Head Coach: Anthony Reed

AoC Team

The Newcastle College Eagles second team were regular season champions of the 'Association of Colleges' league, North East division, and were also playoff finalists.

This was the innagural year for an Eagles AoC team and the team was coach by SLB Mens player Will Neighbour in his first season coaching with the Academy.



CBL Team

The newly established College Academy programme is headed up by our Eagles u19s who compete in the College Basketball League.

In the first year of competition at this level the team ammassed a respectable five wins and showed promising signs for the future. Student-athletes attending Newcastle College Group institutions received up to 14 hours dedicated basketball training consisting of on-court development and strength & conditioning.

Plans to grow the number of players and team for next season are already in place and we look forward to an exciting future.



TOTAL NUMBER OF ACADEMY PATHWAY PLAYERS **192**





WILLIAMSALI YEAR OF SUPPORT RAISES £17,750 FOR FOUNDATION

NEWCASTLE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The team from WilliamsAli staged the second 3v3 Basketball Challenge Tournament in June. The event increased in the number of companies participating with 32 professional service companies entering, a jump from the previous inaugural year. The tournament was a fun and exciting afternoon with teams taking using all six courts at the Vertu Motors Arena. The companies players included beginners to former academy players, all coming together to support the Foundation.

Chuck a duck made an appearance PLUS the added bonus of players; Darius Defoe, Malcom Delpeche, Marina Fernandez and Chloe Gaynor helping to raise money by the add a minute to your team from a player bonus option (the power play).

In total an incredible £17,750 was raised on the day to support the Foundations work.



WilliamsAli CORPORATE FINANCE

CASE STUDY: WILLIAMSALI CORPORATE FINANCE

Events at Vertu Motors ARENA

THE EAGLES COMMUNITY ARENA KNOWN AS THE VERTU MOTORS ARENA HAS CONTINUED TO GROW ACROSS THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD.

Community evening hours along with weekend hours are in heavy demand for the courts, especially with the Foundation player base growing so rapidly. The arena continues to host Foundation delivery plus local wheelchair basketball, netball and volleyball clubs with up to 3500 young people per week benefiting from club sport.

During the day Newcastle College as anchor tenant utilises both the courts and classrooms as a base for sport further and higher education courses. In total more than 350 students have benefited from the arena facilities and an additional 600 with onsite exams four times a year.

Events within the building have developed with both existing and new clients, a handful of examples are below including sports, exhibitions, conferences, dinners and parties. Newcastle Eagles men's and women's teams our anchor tenant delivered a successful year on the court with the women reaching the play off finals at the O2 arena in London.














SERIÖS GROUP'S CRAIG THOMPSON SWOOPS WITH £10,000 IN FUNDS RAISED

Over the past 12 months, Craig Thompson, Test Manager at Seriös Group, has gone above and beyond to support the Eagles Community Foundation.

From donning the Swoop the Eagle costume for the Great North Run, a tough mudder event, to rallying his colleagues for a year-long fundraising campaign, Craig's efforts have raised an incredible £10,000.

This total has been split between the Foundation and St Oswald's Hospice, making a real difference to two vital organisations in the North East.

Craig's energy, creativity and commitment to giving back have inspired both fans and the wider Seriös team, earning him a well-deserved round of applause from everyone involved. Thank you, Craig!







BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE *Men*

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
0	Rickey	McGill	6'2"	Guard
1	Larry	Austin Jr.	6'2"	Guard
2	Josh	Ward-Hibbert	6'5"	Guard
6	Sauver	Kande	6'4"	Forward
9	Devin	Whitfield	6'5"	Guard
11	Jordan	Johnson	5'11"	Guard
13	Darius	Defoe	6'6"	Center
22	Malcolm	Delpeche	6'8"	Center
23	Scott	Spencer	6'6"	Guard
55	Tajh	Green	6'8"	Forward
88	Will	Neighbour	6'10"	Center

BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE *Women*

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
2	Sarah	Birkett	5'7"	Guard
3	Chloe	Gaynor	6'3"	Forward
4	Zoe	Willis	5'8"	Guard
5	Marina	Fernandez	6'0"	Guard
8	Rachael	Bland	5'5"	Guard
9	Abby	Lowe	5'11"	Guard
10	Lauren	Saiki	5'3"	Point Guard
11	Alex	Campbell	5'7"	Guard
13	Deborah	Rodriguez	6'2"	Center
15	Tierra	Hodges	5'9"	Forward
21	Jada	Dapaa	5'11"	Forward
32	Katie	Nolan	6'1"	Center
33	Courtney	Clasen	5'8"	Guard



CLUB HISTORY *Men*

SEASON	LEAGUE	PLAY OFFS	TROPHY	CUP
1996–1997 BBL	7th	Quarter-final	1st Round	Semi-final
1997–1998 BBL	3rd	Quarter-final	Semi-Final	4th Round
1998–1999 BBL	5th	Quarter-final	Semi-final	Semi-final
1999–2000 BBL	6th	DNQ	Quarter-final	1st Round
2000–2001 BBL	3rd	1st Round	Runner-up	Quarter-final
2001–2002 BBL	3rd	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2002–2003 BBL	5th	Semi-final	Semi-final	Quarter-final
2003–2004 BBL	6th	Quarter-final	1st Round	Quarter-final
2004–2005 BBL	2nd	**Winners**	**Winners**	Semi-final
2005–2006 BBL	**1st**	**Winners**	**Winners**	**Winners**
2006–2007 BBL	3rd	**Winners**	Runner-up	Semi-final
2007–2008 BBL	**1st**	Semi-final	Runner-up	Runner-up
2008–2009 BBL	**1st**	**Winners**	**Winners**	Runner-up
2009–2010 BBL	**1st**	Semi-final	**Winners**	Quarter-final
2010–2011 BBL	2nd	Semi-final	Semi-final	Semi-final
2011–2012 BBL	**1st**	**Winners**	**Winners**	**Winners**
2012–2013 BBL	2nd	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2013–2014 BBL	**1st**	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2014–2015 BBL	**1st**	**Winners**	**Winners**	**Winners**
2015–2016 BBL	2nd	1st Round	Runner-up	**Winners**
2016–2017 BBL	2nd	Runner-up	Quarter-final	**Winners**
2017–2018 BBL	3rd	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2018–2019 BBL	3rd	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
2019–2020 BBL	-	-	**Winners**	Quarter-final
2020–2021 BBL	4th	Winners	Quarter-final	**Winners**
2021–2022 BBL	9th	DNQ	1st Round	Group Stages
2022–2023 BBL	8th	1st Round	1st Round	Quarter-final
2023–2024 BBL	6th	Semi-final	1st Round	-

CLUB HISTORY *Women*

SEASON	LEAGUE	PLAY OFFS	TROPHY	CUP
2018–2019 WBBL	7th	Quarter-final	Group Stages	Quarter-final
2019–2020 WBBL	-	-	1st Round	Semi-final
2020–2021 WBBL	7th	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Group Stages
2021–2022 WBBL	10th	DNQ	1st Round	Group Stages
2022–2023 WBBL	3rd	1st Round	Semi-final	1st Round
2023–2024 WBBL	6th	Final	1st Round	-





2023-24 NEWCASTLE EAGLES BBL & WBBL TEAMS



JORDAN JOHNSON DRIVING TO THE HOOP IN FRONT OF ANOTHER SOLD OUT VERTU MOTORS ARENA CROWD



CAPTAIN MARINA FERNANDEZ AGAINST MANCHESTER GIANTS DURING ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE GAME AT A WOMEN'S BRITISH BASKETBALL GAME

NEWCASTLE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Vertu Motors ARENA

Purpose-built community sports arena, events venue and home for the Eagles Community Foundation since January 2019.
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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

Trustees	Paul Blake, Chair Eric Wilson Jeffrey King Susan Cumming David Forrester Alan Younger Stephen Savage Daniel Cooper (appointed 8 July 2024)
Company registered number	05400969
Charity registered number	1112997
Registered office	Eagles Community (Vertu Motors) Arena Clumber Street Scotswood Road Newcastle Upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE4 7AF
Company secretary	Samantha Blake
Chief executive officer	Samantha Blake
Independent auditors	Kinnair Associates Limited Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors Aston House Redburn Road Newcastle Upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE5 1NB
Bankers	Virgin Money 132-134 Northumberland Street Newcastle Upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE1 7DG
Solicitors	Sintons LLP Barrach Road Newcastle Upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE4 6DB

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
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Due to the growth the need for more volunteers has been crucial with the hours pledged has doubled to a staggering 16,040 across the year. This support is more appreciated as we deliver a unique player pathway to young people, across all participation and performance opportunities.

We can see that the generations coming through will change the attitude of those in power and how sport is funded or which sports are prioritised. We are seeing it already within schools and communities.

In our home the Vertu Motors Arena all we hope is to leave our young people with the power to determine their own futures and reach their own personal excellence.

I would like to thank all this years players, funders, partners, families, volunteers, staff and fellow trustees for the hard work that has been put in to make this 2023-24 year such a memorable one.

Paul Blake

Chair

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the year 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The aims of our services for public benefit:

- to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing basketball
- to provide facilities for sport and recreation for people who need such facilities
- to advance the education of children and young people through such means as the Trustees see fit

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

1. Providing Facilities: The Vertu Motors Arena
- The Foundation owns and operates the Vertu Motors Arena, a purpose-built basketball venue in Newcastle.
- The main operating hours of the building are for access to the public and community use via a multitude of access programmes including but not limited to; schools, clubs, and community groups.
- The arena offers:
  - Full-size courts for community hire.
  - Training facilities for grassroots and amateur teams.
  - Space for hosting local tournaments and events.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

2. Grassroots and Community Programs
- The Foundation operates basketball sessions for all ages and abilities, including:
  - Mini Eagles: Basketball for children aged 5 upwards.
  - School coaching: Delivering basketball sessions during and after school hours.
  - Holiday camps: Promoting physical activity during school breaks.
  - Junior clubs: 13 local community sites offering sessions from U10 through to U18
  - Walking basketball for older adults or those with limited mobility.
  - Inclusive basketball session: delivering a weekly session fully inclusive for adults with physical or learning difficulties
  - Junior League: Proving a competitive outlet to junior players who would otherwise not have an outlet
  - Academy: Providing an opportunity to extend performance

3. Inclusive and Targeted Outreach
- The Foundation actively engages underrepresented groups by:
  - Offering sessions in deprived communities.
  - Supporting initiatives for disabled people and those with mental health challenges.
  - Working with local councils and charities to remove barriers to access.

4. Education & Leadership Development
- The Foundation uses basketball as a tool for broader development:
  - Leadership and volunteer opportunities for young people.
  - Employability and mentoring programs linked to sport.
  - Healthy Lifestyle programme with Hoops4Health
  - The Science of Basketball Education Programme

5. Partnerships
- The Foundation collaborates with:
  - Local schools and colleges.
  - Health and wellbeing initiatives.
  - Local charities, amateur sporting groups and organisations
  - Sport England and Basketball England to boost regional participation.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Clubs and Eagles League

Delivering weekly participation and fully inclusive sessions within 13 local community sites across Tyne and Wear and Northumberland. This impacted upon our junior league with an increase to 162 junior Eagles teams.

Academy

Delivering a comprehensive performance programme for young people to extend their talent. The year witnessed an increase from four to six teams at the younger age groups and a switch to Newcastle College for our older age group. This change has enabled more young people to benefit from this programme with education at the centre.

International honours

A route to represent internationally is promoted with players and staff encouraged to participate. This year two members of staff and one academy player represent home nations, gaining experience and being acknowledged for their talents.

Former academy player Tosan Evboumwan became the first Eagle and the eighth UK player to come through the British basketball system and graduate to the NBA. A significant role model to all Eagles.

The Science of Basketball

Reece Foundation and North of Tyne Combined Authority funded the programme enabling the womens team to deliver a key STEM education programme.

Hoops4Health

Northumbria Healthcare Trust, Northumbrian Water, North Tyneside Council and Vertu Motors funded the delivery of our flagship education programme. Not only educating young people on the benefits of healthy lifestyles but also promoting access to our junior club sessions.

Fundraising

A series of fundraising took place across the year supported by volunteers and companies.

d. Volunteers

The significant growth over the past 12 months has required the support of more volunteers within the Foundation. The roles of volunteers are varied with key tasks for each person to enable the Foundation deliver a number of quality programmes. This year hours pledged has doubled to a staggering 16,040. This support across vital areas of delivery and fundraising is hugely appreciated as we deliver a unique player pathway to young people, across all participation and performance opportunities alongside education.

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

Clubs and Eagles League

Demand for playing in our junior clubs continued to increase across the year with the number of young people participating in weekly Eagles junior clubs reached an all time high. As a direct result the demand to play in the league increased with again more teams than ever entering our junior league. This resulted in the league servicing 162 junior Eagles teams.

Academy

The academy teams increased from four six with U14 girls, U14 boys premier, U14 boys conference, U16 girls, U16 boys premier and U16 boys conference. The under 19 age groups player pathway changed with the academy teams based at Newcastle college under the academic deliver. In total two teams ran with CBL and AOC plus two programmes with Gateshead College and Tynemet College AOC teams.

International honours

Tosan Evboumwan became the first Eagle and the eighth UK player to come through the British basketball system and graduate to the NBA with time at Detroit Pistons and the Memphis Grizzlies.

Ian MacLeod continued his national team career as GB U18 Assistant Coach at the European Championships in North Macedonia.
Ian also assisted the U18 Men’s team during the European Championship qualifiers the summer before.

Joining Coach Macleod in North Macedonia was Coach Anthony Reed, who joined the Great Britain U16 as S&C and Assistant Coach throughout the European Championships.

Robyn Donnelly
Eagles Academy star Robyn, has been selected to join the Welsh National U14 girls team ahead of a busy 12 months of camps and tournaments.

Newcastle College

The partnership continues to blossom with the fifth year of onsite courses and exams based at the Vertu Motor Arena. The Foundation and college find new ways to engage with each other including Eagles staff assisting the college via Employer Advisory boards providing key employability sector feedback.

The Science of Basketball

Our flagship women’s team programme underwent another expansion this year with fifty schools benefiting from the delivery funded by Reece Foundation and North of Tyne Combined Authority. The programme not only works in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths but also works to break down stereotypes and misconceptions. The programme encourages Key Stage 2 students to tackle key STEM topics, such as percentages, ratios, averages and forces, by making the classroom come to life through the fast-paced and statistically focused professional sport.

Hoops4Health

Our original flagship primary school programme delivered again this season, engaging thousands of young people with healthy lifestyle practices. All council finals were delivered successfully at the Vertu Motors Arena with funders present; Northumbria Healthcare Trust, Northumbrian Water, North Tyneside Council and Vertu Motors.

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Fundraising activities and income generation

The major events which took place this season included:

- Williams Ali 3v3 Corporate Challenge took place with 24 teams participating in a fun afternoon at the Vertu Motors Arena in June. The entry fees, plus fundraising on the day saw a staggering £10,000 raised. A huge amount for the Foundation to benefit our local community with activities benefiting including the academy and pay it forward programme.

- Golf in the City named the Foundation one of two beneficiaries for their annual golf day and dinner taking place at Slaley Hall in May. In total the Foundation received a huge £6,000.

- Serios Group 3v3 Corporate Challenge along with a summer tough mudder and community champion employee Craig Thompson running the Great North Run and London Marathon.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The balance sheet of the company at the year end shows net current liabilities of £200,586 which primarily reflect timing over the recognition of liabilities and the impact of one-off capital investment in site improvements during the year.

Additionally, the Trustees have reviewed forecasts and cash flow projections and remain confident in the Foundation’s ability to generate sufficient income and manage its cost base effectively over the next twelve months. In particular:

- A structured repayment plan is being finalised for the liability incurred during the year, largely linked to capital works which will not recur in future years.

- The events programme for 2025–26 is significantly strengthened, including three Cage Warriors events and an expanded roster of external hires and repeat commercial bookings.

- Club subscriptions, league fees and academy income have been increased, with a projected uplift of over £90,000 in recurring revenue.

- External hall hire rates have risen by an average of 14%, improving venue income further.

- Utility costs are projected to fall, supported by a renegotiated electricity contract saving c.£20,000 per annum.

- Staffing levels and payroll costs are expected to remain stable in the short to medium term.

- Agreements are already in place with key partners such as Newcastle College, expected to contribute c.£200,000 in income for 2025–26.

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- Several legacy loans are now repaid or nearing completion, reducing outgoings and strengthening the Foundation's cash position.

- One-off costs linked to planning and site development have been fully settled and will not recur.

Based on these factors and planned operational activity, the Trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties that cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern

b. Reserves policy

At the year end, the Group holds £3,526,800 (2023: £3,691,980) in unrestricted funds and £34,465 (2023: £Nil) in restricted funds, giving total funds of £3,561,265 (2023: £3,691.980).

The Trustees have a target to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of charitable expenditure. At the year ended 31 July 2024 this equates to approximately £447,000 (2023: £407,631). At this level of free reserves, the Group could maintain all operations for three months if no income was being generated. Free reserves was negative £(208,200) (2023: £41,398) at the year end. The Trustees are aware free reserves need to increase and plan to increase fees for delivery to coincide with increases due to inflation and Government policy, such as NI and the minimum wage. The plan for fundraising has also increased with additional volunteers and local businesses coming forward to support the Foundation. This would increase the free reserves available.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

Risks to the organisation have been identified and are reviewed on an ongoing basis, and appropriate action is taken when needed:

- ensuring appropriate insurance cover
- identifying physical risks such as uneven surfaces
- reviewing fire safety systems and training staff
- ensuring staff have first aid training
- undertaking a general health and safety risk assessment throughout the premises

d. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Foundation has engaged with Kore Health and Safety to ensure a robust internal structure on policies, training and procedures. Kore also work on events at the Arena, ensuring all health and safety laws and regulations are abided to and the Arena itself is protected with loadings.

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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The organisation is a charitable company, limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 22 March 2005 and registered with the Charities Commission on February 2006.

The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association as amended by special resolution dated 26 October 2005 which established the objects and powers of the Charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The organisation has a 100% owned trading company, The Eagles Community Arena, incorporated on 18 December 2018. The subsidiary's results are consolidated into the financial statements of the charity.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Trustees may be appointed in accordance with the provisions set out in section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 (or any subsequent statutory re-enactment or modification thereof). The Board of Trustees recognises the importance of ensuring that its composition reflects a diverse range of skills, experience, and perspectives that align with the charitable objectives of the Foundation.

To support this, the Foundation maintains a detailed skills matrix that is regularly reviewed to assess the current and future needs of the Board. This matrix helps identify gaps in expertise and informs the recruitment of new Trustees. When seeking new appointments, the Board actively targets individuals with specific competencies or sector knowledge, such as community engagement, youth development, finance, legal, education, safeguarding, or sports administration.

New Trustees are recruited through a transparent and open process, which may include public advertisement, consultation with stakeholders, or recommendations from within the sector. All prospective Trustees are subject to appropriate due diligence, and appointments are made based on merit, alignment with the Foundation’s values, and the ability to contribute effectively to the governance and strategic direction of the charity.

Trustees are inducted into the role through a structured onboarding process, which includes familiarisation with the charity’s work, legal responsibilities, and strategic priorities.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The directors of the Company are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of Charity Law and under the Company's Articles of Association are known as members of the Management Committee. All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity.

The Management Committee is made up of eight Trustees. The Committee meet on a quarterly basis and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Organisation.

A line management system is in place with day to day responsibility for the management of the Organisation resting with the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the Organisation delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. Day to day operational management is headed by individual team members using reporting structures and line management to finally report to the the Chief Executive and Trustees.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All new Trustees receive a welcome pack, which contains key policies, strategic plans, code of conduct,etc. They also receive induction time with the Chief Executive and have opportunities to visit services and activities as well as being given access to any relevant training.

e. Pay policy for key management personnel

The Foundation holds and implements a benchmarking paper for all members of staff on a grading system. This exercise was carried out by industry professionals external to the Organisation. The Chief Executive of the Foundation presents a paper to the board of Trustees on an annual basis, with recommendations for inflation increases. This increase is based on the Real Living Wage Foundation percentage increase.

f. Related party relationships

Paul Blake is a majority shareholder of Newcastle EAgles Basketball Club Limited. Further information in respect of transactions between the group and the club can be found within the financial statements notes.

Geoffrey Forrester and Co Solicitors have provided a loan to Eagles Community Foundation. Geoffrey Forrester is a related party of David Forrester, a trustee of the Foundation. The loan was fully repaid by the Foundation on 27 December 2023.

g. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Group and the Company are exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Group and the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

Newcastle College Eagles – Further Education Academy

To expand the current new academy of two teams to three to provide additional opportunities or the U19 programme.

Arena

The arena continues to host major events and maximise return to secure the funding needed to cover the major percentage of building costs. This enables the cost of using the Arena to an affordable level for community groups, schools and young people. A key partner is Vertu Motors, the main sponsor of the arena now in their third year, the support continues to be vital to our success. A major investment this year has been the resurfacing of the Clumber Street as per planning conditions and the purchasing of Food & Drink equipment.

Plans for the future - Short term
Workforce development continues to be key to the Foundations success, continued and increased personal development within the current teams delivering on the ground is crucial. Plus, the need to reduce the stress on current staff with more training and development of others. This includes the identifying of key personnel both internally and externally.

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Plans for future periods (continued)

STEM: The Science of Basketball, there is a demand from schools to increase the number of delivery workshops to as high as 70 within the academic year. It is hoped funding will be sought to increase to this output.

Marketing: An external marketing company has been tasked with sharing our accomplishments and stories across all platforms. It is expected that our reach will improve along with our services for the community.

Plans for the future - longer term
Arena development: continue initial conversations with the arena extension with the ideal scenario set at an additional 2 basketball courts and 800-1000 seats to enable further community impact.

Arena title sponsorship: having delivered year three of a five-year contract has been rewarding working alongside a like minded community responsible company. The investment is one the Foundation does not take lightly and is working to hopefully continue the partnership beyond 2026.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Company and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

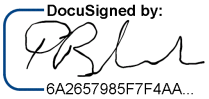
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Disclosure of information to auditors (continued)

Auditors

The auditors, Kinnair Associates Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 31 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Paul Blake
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eagles Community Foundation (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2024 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.; or
- the financial statements take advantage of special provisions relating to small companies when the group is not entitled to do so.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- the engagement director ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Group through discussions with management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charitable sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Group, including the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 et seq., and Charity Commission regulation and. taxation legislation
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- we ensured that the identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit
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- We assessed the susceptibility of the Group’s financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:
- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud and their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:
- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships; and
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions

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In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- requesting correspondence with HMRC and the Charity Commission.

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Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*As restated Total funds 2023 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**104,378**	**56,977**	**161,355**	*85,437*
Charitable activities	4	**33,444**	**740,299**	**773,743**	*665,714*
Other trading activities	5	**-**	**859,187**	**859,187**	*760,750*
Other income	6	**-**	**101,192**	**101,192**	*101,046*
Total income		**137,822**	**1,757,655**	**1,895,477**	*1,612,947*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	**-**	**238,130**	**238,130**	*175,125*
Charitable activities		**103,357**	**1,684,705**	**1,788,062**	*1,455,961*
Total expenditure		**103,357**	**1,922,835**	**2,026,192**	*1,631,086*
Net movement in funds		**34,465**	**(165,180)**	**(130,715)**	*(18,139)*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**-**	**3,691,980**	**3,691,980**	*3,710,119*
Net movement in funds		**34,465**	**(165,180)**	**(130,715)**	*(18,139)*
Total funds carried forward		**34,465**	**3,526,800**	**3,561,265**	*3,691,980*

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 22 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Note		2024 £		*2023 £*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**6,752,361**		*6,800,576*
			6,752,361		*6,800,576*
Current assets					
Stocks	15	**5,575**		*7,526*	
Debtors	16	**175,765**		*151,075*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**240,624**		*358,613*	
		421,964		*517,214*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(622,550)**		*(516,484)*	
Net current liabilities / assets			**(200,586)**		*730*
Total assets less current liabilities			**6,551,775**		*6,801,306*
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		**(2,990,510)**		*(3,109,326)*
Total net assets			**3,561,265**		*3,691,980*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	20		**34,465**		-
Unrestricted funds	20		**3,526,800**		*3,691,980*
Total funds			**3,561,265**		*3,691,980*

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 31 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Paul Blake
Trustee

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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 05400969

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Note		2024 £		*2023* *£*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**6,752,361**		*6,800,576*
Investments	14		**1**		*1*
			6,752,362		*6,800,577*
Current assets					
Debtors	16	**125,970**		*84,936*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**240,454**		*340,940*	
		366,424		*425,876*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(568,628)**		*(425,147)*	
Net current liabilities / assets			**(202,204)**		*729*
Total assets less current liabilities			**6,550,158**		*6,801,306*
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		**(2,990,510)**		*(3,109,326)*
Total net assets			**3,559,648**		*3,691,980*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	20		**34,465**		-
Unrestricted funds	20		**3,525,183**		*3,691,980*
Total funds			**3,559,648**		*3,691,980*

The Company's net movement in funds for the year was £(132,332) *(2023 - £(18,137))*.

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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 JULY 2024

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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Note	2024 £	*2023 £*
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	23	**113,227**	*201,479*
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		**632**	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(3,525)**	*(8,099)*
Net cash used in investing activities		**(2,893)**	**(8,099)**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of borrowing		**(41,285)**	*(62,284)*
Repayments of hire purchase		**(12,529)**	-
Interest paid on borrowings		**(174,509)**	*(174,509)*
Net cash used in financing activities		**(228,323)**	**(236,793)**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**(117,989)**	**(43,413)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**358,613**	*402,026*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	24	**240,624**	*358,613*

The notes on pages 22 to 43 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

1. General information

Eagles Community Foundation (parent charity) is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and is a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Eagles Community Arena (Vertu Motors Arena), Clumber Street, Scotswood Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE4 7AF.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Eagles Community Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Consolidated Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Financial Activities in these financial statements.

The financial statements are presented in pounds Sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Restatement of comparative figures

The analysis of some income and expenditure transactions has been reconfigured to better reflect the underlying activities of the group. Comparative figures have been restated accordingly. There is no change to net income for the previous year arising from these restatements.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The balance sheet of the company at the year end shows net current liabilities of £200,586 which primarily reflect timing over the recognition of liabilities and the impact of one-off capital investment in site improvements during the year.

Additionally, the Trustees have reviewed forecasts and cash flow projections and remain confident in the Foundation's ability to generate sufficient income and manage its cost base effectively over the next twelve months. In particular:

• A structured repayment plan is being finalised for the liability incurred during the year, largely linked to capital works which will not recur in future years.

• The events programme for 2025–26 is significantly strengthened, including three Cage Warriors events and an expanded roster of external hires and repeat commercial bookings.

• Club subscriptions, league fees and academy income have been increased, with a projected uplift of over £90,000 in recurring revenue.

• External hall hire rates have risen by an average of 14%, improving venue income further.

• Utility costs are projected to fall, supported by a renegotiated electricity contract saving c.£20,000 per annum.

• Staffing levels and payroll costs are expected to remain stable in the short to medium term.

• Agreements are already in place with key partners such as Newcastle College, expected to contribute c.£200,000 in income for 2025–26.

• Several legacy loans are now repaid or nearing completion, reducing outgoings and strengthening the Foundation's cash position.

• One-off costs linked to planning and site development have been fully settled and will not recur.

Based on these factors and planned operational activity, the Trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties that cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Support costs within the Foundation are wholly allocated to its charitable activities. The fundraising grading activity costs are maintained within the subsidiary company. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Gift Aid

In the case of a Gift Aid payment made within the Group, income is accrued when the payment is payable to the Parent Company under a legal obligation. Measurement is at the fair value receivable, which will normally be the transaction value.

Where the right to receive Gift Aid has been established, the amount receivable is recognised as investment income in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-		See below
Fixtures and fittings - Arena seating	-	4%	On cost
Fixtures and fittings - Other	-	15%	Reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	33%	On cost

The board of Trustees have agreed that the building will serve its first 5 years without asset depreciation, given the build quality and ongoing maintenance levels experienced to date. Following this period the Board have agreed to depreciate the building over a 50 year period.

2.8 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.12 Financial instruments

The Group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.13 Hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets are depreciated over their useful lives.The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

2.14 Pensions

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Group to the fund in respect of the year.

2.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	-	33,199	**33,199**
Basketball Challenge Tournament	-	17,030	**17,030**
Chuck a Duck Fundraiser	-	983	**983**
Dinner Fundraiser	-	2,520	**2,520**
Other	-	2,045	**2,045**
Grants			
Hoops 4 Health Grant	23,063	-	**23,063**
Reece Group - STEM Project	20,000	-	**20,000**
RMC North East Grant	-	1,200	**1,200**
North of Tyne Inspire Grant	15,000	-	**15,000**
NE Combined Authority - STEM - Science of Basketball Grant	43,165	-	**43,165**
Rise NE - Coach core Grant	3,150	-	**3,150**
	104,378	56,977	**161,355**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Donations			
Gift aid	-	*2,321*	*2,321*
Donations	-	*27,881*	*27,881*
Grants			
Hoops for Health	*28,250*	-	*28,250*
Reece Group	*19,800*	-	*19,800*
Basketball England	*6,685*	-	*6,685*
Other	-	*500*	*500*
	54,735	*30,702*	*85,437*

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Clubs and similar activities	33,444	669,730	**703,174**
Coaching fees	-	70,569	**70,569**
	33,444	740,299	**773,743**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 £*	*As restated Total funds 2023 £*
Clubs and similar activities	*27,245*	*588,882*	*616,127*
Coaching fees	-	*49,587*	*49,587*
	27,245	*638,469*	*665,714*

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*As restated Total funds 2023 £*
Event and court hire	345,992	**345,992**	*343,241*
Food and beverage sales	513,195	**513,195**	*417,509*
	859,187	**859,187**	*760,750*

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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Sponsorship income	100,000	**100,000**	*100,000*
Other	1,192	**1,192**	*1,046*
	101,192	**101,192**	*101,046*

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Fundraising trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Subsidiary food and beverage costs	236,346	**236,346**	*161,556*
Other subsidiary costs	1,784	**1,784**	*13,569*
	238,130	**238,130**	*175,125*

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Community basketball activities	1,363,263	424,799	**1,788,062**

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	*Support costs 2023 £*	*As restated Total funds 2023 £*
Community basketball activities	*1,125,908*	*330,053*	*1,455,961*

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2024 £	**Total funds 2024 £**	*As restated Total funds 2023 £*
Staff costs	715,010	**715,010**	*561,573*
Depreciation	38,805	**38,805**	*42,232*
Activity costs	34,418	**34,418**	*20,289*
Club and similar direct costs	205,890	**205,890**	*208,466*
Arena costs	356,179	**356,179**	*286,110*
Office costs	12,961	**12,961**	*7,238*
	1,363,263	**1,363,263**	*1,125,908*

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Staff costs	**214,836**	*107,813*
Depreciation	**12,935**	*10,558*
Establishment costs	**-**	*5,187*
Office costs	**-**	*1,777*
Loan and Hire Purchase interest payable	**133,996**	*153,391*
Governance costs	**63,032**	*51,327*
	424,799	*330,053*

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

All support costs are allocated against the community basketball charitable activity.

9. Governance costs

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Legal and professional fees	**33,841**	*30,656*
Auditors remuneration	**7,600**	*10,920*
Accountancy charges	**20,039**	*8,129*
Bank charges	**1,552**	*1,622*
	63,032	*51,327*

10. Auditors' remuneration

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts	**7,600**	*10,920*
Fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect of:		
All non-audit services not included above	**4,350**	*8,129*

11. Staff costs

	Group 2024 £	*Group As restated 2023 £*	Company 2024 £	*Company As restated 2023 £*
Wages and salaries	**855,044**	*625,150*	**855,044**	*625,150*
Social security costs	**50,413**	*32,712*	**50,413**	*32,712*
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**24,389**	*11,524*	**24,389**	*11,524*
	929,846	*669,386*	**929,846**	*669,386*

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11. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	Group 2024 No.	*Group 2023 No.*	**Company 2024 No.**	*Company 2023 No.*
Average number of employees	**158**	*70*	**158**	*70*

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees, chief executive officer and chief operating officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £112,595 (2023: £112,852).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits *(2023 - £NIL)*.

During the year ended 31 July 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred *(2023 - £NIL)*.

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13. Tangible fixed assets

Group and Company

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 August 2023	**6,190,043**	**901,278**	**12,837**	**7,104,158**
Additions	**-**	**3,525**	**-**	**3,525**
At 31 July 2024	**6,190,043**	**904,803**	**12,837**	**7,107,683**
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2023	**-**	**291,965**	**11,617**	**303,582**
Charge for the year	**-**	**50,520**	**1,220**	**51,740**
At 31 July 2024	**-**	**342,485**	**12,837**	**355,322**
Net book value				
At 31 July 2024	**6,190,043**	**562,318**	**-**	**6,752,361**
At 31 July 2023	*6,190,043*	*609,313*	*1,220*	*6,800,576*

14. Fixed asset investments

Company	**Investment in subsidiary £**
Cost or valuation	
At 1 August 2023	**1**
At 31 July 2024	**1**
Net book value	
At 31 July 2024	**1**
At 31 July 2023	*1*

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14. Fixed asset investments (continued)

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Company:

Name	Company number	Registered office or principal place of business	Principal activity
Eagles Community Arena Limited	11731561	Eagles Community Arena, Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AF.	Provision of sporting activities

Class of shares	Included in consolidation
Ordinary	Yes

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit/(Loss) / Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year £	Net assets £
Eagles Community Arena Limited	**959,187**	**(597,570)**	**361,617**	**1,618**

15. Stocks

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 £*
Finished goods and goods for resale	**5,575**	*7,526*

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16. Debtors

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 £*	Company 2024 £	*Company 2023 £*
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	**169,625**	*130,648*	**89,868**	*51,236*
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**-**	*-*	**29,962**	*24,842*
Other debtors	**6,140**	*20,427*	**6,140**	*8,858*
	175,765	*151,075*	**125,970**	*84,936*

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 £*	Company 2024 £	*Company 2023 £*
Other loans	**26,851**	*40,669*	**26,851**	*40,669*
Trade creditors	**68,495**	*40,222*	**65,964**	*32,357*
Amounts owed to group undertakings	**-**	*555*	**100,000**	*-*
Other taxation and social security	**114,329**	*73,368*	**13,780**	*28,909*
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	**88**	*12,617*	**88**	*12,617*
Other creditors	**7,468**	*3,091*	**6,009**	*3,090*
Accruals and deferred income	**405,319**	*345,962*	**355,936**	*307,505*
	622,550	*516,484*	**568,628**	*425,147*

Group

Deferred income comprises sponsorship income and Arena events income relating to future periods. The amount released in the current year is £75,000 (2023: £41,667) and amounts deferred at the year end are £89,700 (2023: £75,000).

Charity

Deferred income comprises sponsorship income relating to future periods. The amount released in the current year is £41,667 (2023: £41,667) and amounts deferred at the year end are £41,667 (2023: £41,667).

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18. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 £*	Company 2024 £	*Company 2023 £*
Other loans	**2,990,510**	*3,017,977*	**2,990,510**	*3,017,977*
Accruals and deferred income	**-**	*91,349*	**-**	*91,349*
	2,990,510	*3,109,326*	**2,990,510**	*3,109,326*

The aggregate amount of liabilities payable or repayable wholly or in part more than five years after the reporting date is:

	Company 2024 £	*Company 2023 £*
Payable or repayable by instalments	**2,990,510**	*2,990,510*
	2,990,510	*2,990,510*

This loan is repayable to the City of Newcastle Council over 35 years, being extended to 43 years after the impact of Covid. Interest is repaid on the loan at a rate of 4.47% per annum. The advance by the City of Newcastle Council is secured on the building. The Council is the freeholder and has granted a 250 year lease to the charity for the site.

19. Financial instruments

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 £*	Company 2024 £	*Company 2023 £*
Financial assets				
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	**240,624**	*358,613*	**240,454**	*340,940*

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash held.

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20. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 July 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	**3,691,980**	**1,757,655**	**(1,922,835)**	**3,526,800**
Restricted funds				
Restricted Fund - H4H	**-**	**56,507**	**(56,507)**	**-**
Restricted Fund - Reece Group STEM Project	**-**	**20,000**	**(20,000)**	**-**
Restricted Fund - North of Tyne Inspire Grant	**-**	**15,000**	**(15,000)**	**-**
Restricted Fund - North East Combined Authority - STEM - Science of Basketball Grant	**-**	**43,165**	**(8,700)**	**34,465**
Restricted Fund - Rise North East - Coach Core - apprentice grant	**-**	**3,150**	**(3,150)**	**-**
	-	**137,822**	**(103,357)**	**34,465**
Total of funds	**3,691,980**	**1,895,477**	**(2,026,192)**	**3,561,265**

Restricted Fund - Reece Group provided funds to deliver the STEM Project

Restricted Fund - North of Tyne Inspire Grant provided funds to deliver the STEM Project

Restricted Fund - North East Combined Authority provided funds to deliver the STEM Project

Restricted Fund - Rise North East - Coach Core - apprentice grant supporting the employment of Frank Thomas

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 August 2022 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Balance at 31 July 2023* £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	*3,592,497*	*1,530,407*	*(1,543,761)*	*112,837*	*3,691,980*
Restricted funds					
Restricted Fund re buildings	*112,837*	*-*	*-*	*(112,837)*	*-*
Activities	*4,785*	*81,980*	*(86,765)*	*-*	*-*
	117,622	*81,980*	*(86,765)*	*(112,837)*	*-*
Total of funds	*3,710,119*	*1,612,387*	*(1,630,526)*	*-*	*3,691,980*

21. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	**Income** £	**Expenditure** £	**Balance at 31 July 2024** £
General funds	**3,691,980**	**1,757,655**	**(1,922,835)**	**3,526,800**
Restricted funds	**-**	**137,822**	**(103,357)**	**34,465**
	3,691,980	**1,895,477**	**(2,026,192)**	**3,561,265**

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21. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 August 2022 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Balance at 31 July 2023* £
General funds	*3,592,497*	*1,530,407*	*(1,543,761)*	*112,837*	*3,691,980*
Restricted funds	*117,622*	*81,980*	*(86,765)*	*(112,837)*	*-*
	3,710,119	*1,612,387*	*(1,630,526)*	*-*	*3,691,980*

22. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	**Unrestricted funds 2024** £	**Total funds 2024** £
Tangible fixed assets	-	6,752,361	**6,752,361**
Current assets	34,465	387,499	**421,964**
Creditors due within one year	-	(622,550)	**(622,550)**
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(2,990,510)	**(2,990,510)**
Total	34,465	3,526,800	**3,561,265**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2023* £
Tangible fixed assets	*6,800,576*	*6,800,576*
Current assets	*517,214*	*517,214*
Creditors due within one year	*(516,484)*	*(516,484)*
Creditors due in more than one year	*(3,109,326)*	*(3,109,326)*
Total	*3,691,980*	*3,691,980*

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23. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 £*
Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(130,715)**	*(18,139)*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**51,740**	*52,790*
Bank interest receivable	**(632)**	*-*
Loan interest charge	**133,996**	*174,509*
Decrease in stocks	**1,951**	*1,663*
Increase in debtors	**(24,690)**	*(882)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**81,577**	*(8,462)*
Net cash provided by operating activities	**113,227**	*201,479*

24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 £*
Cash in hand	**240,624**	*358,613*
Total cash and cash equivalents	**240,624**	*358,613*

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 August 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 July 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**358,613**	**(117,989)**	**240,624**
Debt due within 1 year	**(40,669)**	**13,735**	**(26,934)**
Debt due after 1 year	**(3,017,977)**	**27,467**	**(2,990,510)**
Finance leases	**(12,617)**	**12,529**	**(88)**
	(2,712,650)	**(64,258)**	**(2,776,908)**

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26. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund.

Contributions totalling £14,607 (2023: £11,524) were payable to the scheme in the year. Contributions totalling £3,570 (2023: £2,802) were unpaid as the year end and included within other creditors.

27. Operating lease commitments

At 31 July 2024 the Group and the Company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 £*
Not later than 1 year	**1,112**	*1,504*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**-**	*1,112*
	1,112	*2,616*

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28. Related party transactions

Eagles Community Foundation

During the year the Charity incurred sales of £41,396 (2023: £51,151) to Newcastle Eagles (Basketball) Limited, a company in which Paul Blake is a director and who is also a director and owns 74% of the holding company, Newcastle Eagles (Holdings) Limited. Outstanding at the year end and included in trade debtors is £69,000 (2023: £29,000).

With regards Newcastle Eagles (Basketball) Limited, during the year the Charity incurred expenses of £10,583 (2023: £1,083). Outstanding at the year end and included in trade creditors is £12,700 (2023: £1,300).

Also, with regards other related party transactions, Samantha Blake, wife of Paul Blake, incurred expenses of £4,155 (2023: £Nil) during the year. Outstanding at the year end and included in trade creditors is £3,866 (2023: £Nil).

David Forrester, a Trustee, is a director of Geoffrey Forrester & Co. Limited. The company had provided the Charity with a loan a number of years ago which was being repaid. In 2024 the Charity repaid £15,000 (2023: £42,320) and at the year end the balance on the loan was £Nil (2023: £15,000).

Eagles Community Arena Limited

During the year the Company incurred sales of £11,438 (2023: £7,549) to Newcastle Eagles (Basketball) Limited, a company in which Paul Blake is a director and who is also a director and owns 74% of the holding company, Newcastle Eagles (Holdings) Limited. Outstanding at the year end and included in trade debtors is £Nil (2023: £3,040).

Also, with regards other related party transactions, Samantha Blake, wife of Paul Blake, incurred expenses of £8,329 (2023: £Nil) during the year. Outstanding at the year end and included in trade creditors is £84 (2023: £Nil).

29. Controlling party

The members of the Board of Trustees are considered to be the controlling party.

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Vertu Motors ARENA

hoops 4 health

All Hoops4Health roadshows are delivered by our men's and women's British Basketball League players and staff.



47 schools participated.

3,396 roadshow participants.

142 school teams in tournaments.

1,136 young people in tournaments.

JUNIOR Clubs

90,900 individual places filled at club sessions across the year.

13 junior club sites across the North East.

2,233 registered junior players.

Ryton Rockets Basketball Club

Cramlington Vikings

Morpeth Basketball Club

Gosforth Goliaths

Newcastle West Hoopstars

Ponteland Panthers

Royals

Newcastle East Basketball

Tynemet Tigers

Kenton Forge Basketball

NSBC

Junior Clubs

EAGLES CVL

The Eagles junior league has expanded again this year with our highest ever demand for competitive basketball. The league spans twenty-four weekends at the Vertu Motors Arena across the academic year.



162 competing teams with CVL.

58 officiating staff for CVL.

1620 registered junior players.

900+ competiting in CVL each week.

FOUNDATION *Volunteers*

Volunteers are integral to the Foundations delivery, each of our community clubs have various volunteer opportunities ranging from assistant coaches, team managers, fundraising, washing kits to administration support.



79 Volunteers

7,500+ Hours donated

THANKS TO OUR *Trustees*

On behalf of the Eagles Community Foundation, thank you to all of our Board of Trustees for their commitment this year: Alan Younger, Dave, Forrester, Eric Wilson, Jeff King, Paul Blake, Rob Page, Stephen Savage and Su Cumming

INTRODUCTION FROM *Paul Blake*

CHAIRMAN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Across the past twelve months demand for the Foundations delivery has continued to grow. Junior membership has increased across the past two years by 83%. This delivery enables a staggering 2,293 junior players to take part in weekly Eagles club coaching sessions. This growth has also had an effect upon our Eagles junior league as the number of teams has increased from 123 to 165, a 32% increase within a year.

The post pandemic return to life has enabled the Foundation to respond by increasing sessions, developing girls only sessions, growing the junior league number of teams to the largest in its history and further developing a pool of coaches, officials, referees, and volunteers.

I'm proud to report that arena usage during the period protected 86% for community usage and 14% for commercial usage, including Eagles men's and women's home games. In financial terms, commercial usage (14%) covered 75% of the arena expenditure, leaving community with only 25% of the income need and gaining access to incredible facilities for the mass majority of opening hours.

This is quite a remarkable statistic as the Foundation team continues to balance increasing expenditure. Inflation continues to impact the cost of goods and wages, adding to this the energy crisis has seen utility bills triple.

The Foundation continues to maintain its course of being a self-sustainable charity, delivering its aims and objectives to the local community. The annual report highlights areas of this delivery and the success we have all achieved together.



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OUR PLAYER Pathway



BBL & WBBL

NEWCASTLE EAGLES BASKETBALL

NEWCASTLE EAGLES WBBL

NBL D1 & EABL

NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

Newcastle University

College Teams Gateshead / Tyne Met

acc sport

GATESHEAD COLLEGE

tyne metropolitan college

Academy

NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

Central Venue League

135 teams

EAGLES CVL

Club Development Programmes

13 junior clubs at sites across the region

Primary School Programmes

Including Hoops 4 Health and STEM

Secondary School Programmes

Including School Leagues

hoops 4 health

STEM

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMME Hoops4Health

The Hoops 4 Health programme is a healthy living programme delivered to key stage 2 pupils with more than three thousand pupils across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland benefiting across 2022-23.
Funding partners included:

- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbrian Healthcare Trust Hospital Volunteer Service
- Northumbrian Water

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The programme consists of five stages and this year delivery happened in each of the schools taking part. Every part of the programme is delivered by either the Newcastle Eagles or Eagles Community Foundation and the following pages will give a more detailed account of what each stage entails.



STAGE 1 - ROADSHOWS

An informative afternoon in each of the schools delivering key health related messages



STAGE 2 - COACHING

Four hours of coaching are delivered per school by community coaches.



STAGE 3 - TOURNAMENTS

Six tournaments are held for each local authority area



STAGE 4 - FINALS

Each tournament has a tournament final held at the Vertu Motors Arena



STAGE 5 - CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

All tournament winners are invited back to the Vertu Motors Arena to compete for the ultimate crown;. Champion of Champions

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS - 3,285

NEWCASTLE

School	
Bridgewater Primary School	60
Byker Primary School	60
Gosforth Central Middle School	150
Gosforth Junior High Academy	180
Hilton Primary School	120
Mountfield Primary School	30
Our Lady & St Anne's RC Primary School	61
St Alban's RC Primary School	58
St Bede's Primary School	30
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School	30
Total	779

NORTHUMBERLAND

School	
Corbridge Middle School	80
Darras Hall Primary School	80
Meadowdale Academy	64
New Delaval Primary School	25
Ponteland Community Primary School	68
Prudhoe West Academy	50
Richard Coates CE Primary School	30
Total	397

NORTH TYNESIDE

School	
Backworth Park Primary School	50
Balliol Primary School	21
Collingwood Primary School	104
Cullercoats Primary School	65
Denbigh Primary School	56
New York Primary School	88
Preston Grange Primary School	60
Redesdale Primary School	60
Riverside Primary School	45
Shiremoor Primary School	51
Stephenson Memorial Primary School	81
Wallsend Jubilee Primary School	88
Wellfield Middle School	90
Total	859

SOUTH TYNESIDE

School	
Biddick Hall Junior School	120
Forest View Primary School	57
Harton Primary School	90
Holy Trinity CE Academy	29
Stanhope Primary School	60
St Bede's RC Primary School	29
Total	385

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NORTHUMBRIAN WATER living water

NHS Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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GATESHEAD

School	
Caedmon Primary School	60
Crookhill Primary School	49
Glynwood Community School	110
St Peters RC	32
Colegate Primary School	40
Falla Park Primary School	56
Larkspur Primary School	33
Fellside Primary School	58
Ravensworth Primary School	48
Corpus Christie Primary School	57
Total	543

SUNDERLAND

School	
Barnes Junior School	81
East Herrington Primary School	60
Farringdon Academy	60
Seaburn Dene Primary School	61
St Cuthberts RCVA Primary School	60
Total	322



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HER WORLD, HER RULES.

In the UK the Her World Her Rules project, led by FIBA Europe in partnership with GB Basketball, aims to promote women's and girls' basketball by working to deliver a range of activity together with WBBL clubs to inspire future female players.

Over 50 girls took to the court for the two-hour clinic with WBBL players Chloe Gaynor and Marina Fernandez supported by Eagles Community Foundation coaching staff to create a fun clinic where skills where learned and friendships were made.



CASE STUDY: GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMME

STEM Programme

STEM

REECE FOUNDATION

INTRODUCTION

Today the programme is integral to the women's team who are deeply passionate about benefiting our community. It is well documented that women face similar challenges in pursuing sport as they do in pursuing academia or work roles in STEM fields, which is why we believe having our women's team as the focal point of the project will help break long standing stereotypes and provide the representation to inspire the next generation.

Academia plays a huge role in the career of professional basketball players – especially female basketball players. The majority have university degrees with a high percentage continuing to a Master's degree also. This is a major teaching point in the program – making the connection between academia and sport and the significance it has for women in particular – which is why women's team players Chloe Gaynor and Marina Fernandez now design and deliver the program.

There have been benefits not only to the students taking part, but also to our women's programme as a result of our STEM project. From being able to engage more in the community, and promote our girls only sessions and games, we have been able to boost game attendance to around 500 per game towards the end of the season as well as extend our girls only provision to 6 girls only club sites (linked with our 13 mixed junior club sites) over the past 12 months. We boast the country's largest junior league (Eagles Central Venue League) and see over 2000 young people playing weekly.

Due to the popularity of both the STEM programme and girls only satellite provisions, we saw our first all girls junior league games in many years take place.

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE BENEFITING

1226







PROJECT PILOT FEEDBACK

"I just wanted to email to say how superb the session was today. It was perfectly planned and pitched for Year 6 and the delivery of it was also fantastic; Chloe had all 50 children hanging on her every word and she achieved even more hero status when she was shooting baskets with them. All children engaged with every part of the session, and we are going to follow up the design a new trainer work at school, building on what they learnt today. If there are ever anymore sessions like this, we will definitely be interested in going again. Please pass on our thanks again to those involved with organising it."
Y6 Teacher - Northburn Primary

"My daughter really loved doing it. She said "I really loved doing it and people who want to get into basketball or learn more about the sport will not only enjoy it but can still discover new things that they won't have known before. Not to mention how well Chloe, Marina and Zoe covered the session."
Chris Parr - Parent

"I was incredibly impressed with The Science of Basketball programme and how it was delivered. It was pitched at a level that supported the curriculum, engaged the young people and really inspired them. Being able to see how STEM can be applied in real life supports careers education as well as STEM subjects and makes it more tangible for the students. The players who delivered the sessions made it fun and informative and a great way to spend a morning. I can't wait to offer this to our schools again next year!"
Katrina Moffat North Tyneside Learning Trust

"He's said 5 star review I literally loved it because it will help me develop in basketball especially in CVL. He enjoyed doing the experiments with the cones and playing the game and writing the percentages. This helped him to learn more about playing basketball and taking shots. He also liked your buttered toast. We are happy to report he can now make his own since he knows he's not dealing with hot food, if you like he can demonstrate and make you some at the next session.
Ps he still wants a shot challenge against you "

Sarah Ross - CVL Parent





"FUN, LOVED LEARNING ABOUT THE SHOES, MY DAUGHTER WOULD DEFINITELY DO IT AGAIN!"

Mark Wright - Parent

CLUB DEVELOPMENT *Community Clubs*

The Eagles Community Foundation (ECF) run 13 junior club sites across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland. The sites provide structured club sessions for those players that have transitioned from our school outreach programme.

We welcome all youngsters and young adults into the clubs no matter how much playing experience or exposure to the sport they have previously had. At each club site the coach(es) will work with the players to help them improve on their skill levels and get an understanding of the rules and the game of basketball. The players will be made aware of the player pathway and the officiating/coaching opportunities.

Although players will have the opportunity to have some competitive play at the club sessions it is important that they also have the opportunity to play against other clubs at their age group. The Eagles Central Venue League allows all players to have that competitive outlet with no need for trials to make the team. Teams are then split into divisions to make it competitive and ensure the players get the most out of competing. Being a part of a team encourages players to work as a team to achieve common goals. It also gives the players the experiencing of both winning and losing and how to deal with both situations.

Like with all sports the volunteers across the club sites are invaluable to what we do. The volunteers take on a whole list of duties ranging from coaching to fundraising allowing the head coaches to be able to just coach the players. The volunteers are made up of junior players, former players and parents.
The membership has grown again from last year with ten of the clubs going beyond 100 members and four clubs with more than 200 members.

TOTAL JUNIOR CLUBS 13
TOTAL PLAYERS 2155

AGE GROUPS & MEMBERSHIP 2022-23

Gateshead	
Cardinal Hornets U6-U18	290
Whickham Royals U8-U18	227
Ryton Rockets U10-U18	80

Newcastle	
Gosforth Goliants U10-U18	182
Kenton Force U12-U18	168
East Griffins U10-U18	187
West Hoopstars U10-U18	131

Northumberland	
Cramlington Vikings U10-U18	207
Morpeth U12-U18	53
Ponteland U10-U16	97

North Tyneside	
North Shields U10-U18	198
Tyne Met Tigers U12-14	127

South Tyneside	
South Tyneside U8-U18	226

Tosan Evbuomwan

A LOCAL STAR ON THE WORLD STAGE

From humble beginnings with our Eagles Academy programme, Tosan has embodied the collective North East spirit of working hard to realise your dreams.

In 2023, Tosan, born and raised in Newcastle, took a giant leap and declared himself for the NBA draft, and after a lot of hard work earned himself an opportunity with the NBA's Detroit Pistons.

The work our foundation does to support young people in the region gives a platform to achieve their dreams.

" YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE, IT IS YOURS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.

CONSISTENTLY OUTWORK YOUR TEAMMATES AND COMPETITORS, AND, OVER TIME, YOU MIGHT SURPRISE YOURSELF HOW FAR YOU'VE COME! "

TOSAN EVBUOMWAN

CASE STUDY: TOSAN EVBUOMWAN

COMPETITION STRUCTURE
Eagles CVL





TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS COMPETING 135

PREVIOUS YEAR TEAMS COMPETING 123

The Eagles Central Venue League (CVL) is a development league giving all ECF club players the opportunity to play the game competitively. The league operates a policy that if you want to play then you are on a team and is not determined by players having to attend any trials. To allow new teams to enter and for the league to have the ability to expand, it is split into two blocks across the season. This year the age groups attending Saturday or Sunday changed due to the number of teams playing. A transitional year witnessed U12's moving to a Sunday with the following structure;
Saturday: U14's, U16's, U18's
Sunday: U12s, U10's, U8's

The Saturday league runs full court 5 v 5 games at a full height basket with both boys and girls competing. Each game is played with a running clock to ensure that all fixtures can be played. Each of the teams have a coach to help support and encourage the players.

On a Sunday the league changes from U12's full court to U8's and U10's league played on half courts with the side hoops lowered to 8ft. Instead of 5v5 this age group plays 4v4 games.

The Foundation provides an opportunity for people to gain governing body qualifications in refereeing, officiating and coaching. This then helps players, parents and individuals wanting to support the league become involved and work or volunteer alongside full time members of the outreach team. This has enabled the growth in workforce development for basketball in the region with many people continuing to develop further in the sport with additional qualifications.

An increase in teams and the expansion again this year has resulted in needing to recruit more officials and coaches.

Those that gain their award are then employed by the foundation including people as young as 14. Gaining officiating awards allows people to gain experience and thus confidence in working across all age groups.

The coaching pathway is really important to us as a foundation as it ensures that we have a pool of coaches to be able to deliver in both clubs and across the outreach programme.

ELITE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY
Eagles Academy

The Newcastle Eagles Academy gives junior players the chance to play in the highest leagues competing in the Basketball England National League.

Players are selected for the squads after going through different rounds of trials. Each team selects 12 squad players and 3 training players. The teams that compete against teams up and down the country, playing home and away games.

At the end of the league the top teams then proceed into the play-offs. We had four teams competing, two at u14 (boys & girls) and two at u16 (boys & girls). After a competitive season the u14 & u16 boys both managed to make end of season playoffs and the u14 boys especially stood out with an impressive 2nd place finish in the North.



UNDER 14 GIRLS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISON
Head Coach: Ellen Totton

The girls amassed 8 wins in the 2022-23 season, good enough for a finishing position of 6th in the North Premier Division. Despite finishing 6 points behind the playoff places there was cause for celebration with clear growth and development from players and the team as the season wore on.

Standout victories against Liverpool, Lancashire and Hartlepool were the highlights of a hard fought season and with many of the girls stepping up to the next age group the following season it provided a valuable development opportunity.



Pos	Team	Wins	Losses	Pts
1	Manchester Mystics	18	0	54
2	Manchester Mystics II	16	2	50
3	City of Leeds I	14	4	46
4	Liverpool BC	11	7	40
5	Lancashire Spinners	11	7	40
6	Newcastle Eagles	8	10	34
7	York Eagles	6	12	30
8	Manchester Mystics III	4	14	26
9	Hartlepool Huskies	2	16	22
10	City of Leeds II *	0	18	16

National Call-ups

IAN & JAKUB ARE INTERNATIONAL EAGLES



JAKUB BOBKOWSKI

Jakub, a member of the Newcastle Eagles U16 Premier side was selected for the England U15 team.

In April 2023, he represented England at the Globasket Tournament in Lloret de Mar, Spain. Additionally, Jakub is also an initial squad member of the GB U16 team

IAN MACLEOD



Ian MacLeod, the ECF Development Manager, also holds the position of Assistant Coach for the Great Britain U18 Men's team.

Ian assisted the U18 Men's team during the European Championship qualifiers during the summer of 2023.

CASE STUDY: NATIONAL CALL-UPS

NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY



UNDER 14 GIRLS



UNDER 14 BOYS



UNDER 16 BOYS

UNDER 14 BOYS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION
Head Coach: Darius Defoe

A great season for the U14 boys culminated in a second place finish for the team and for Coach Defoes first year in junior coaching.

The season got underway in quite remarkable fashion with a resounding 121 - 18 victory against Cheshire Phoenix Juniors! More big wins were to follow in a very impressive season with only two losses, both to Manchester Magic.

The team progressed to the post-season playoffs and faced a difficult first round match up against Sussex Storm and despite a gallant effort were unable to advance to the quarter-finals. This is an exciting group many of which will make the jump to u16s next year as they continue their academy journey.

Pos	Team	Wins	Losses	Pts
1	Manchester Magic	14	0	42
2	Newcastle Eagles	12	2	38
3	York Eagles	7	7	28
4	Manchester Giants Blue	7	7	28
5	City of Birmingham Rockets	7	7	28
6	Leicester Riders Foundation I	5	9	24
7	City of Leeds Gold	4	10	22
8	Cheshire Phoenix I	0	14	14

UNDER 16 GIRLS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION
Head Coach: Marina Fernandez

A challenging season for the girls in Coach Fernandez' first season as an Academy coach. The young team had some character building moments with some very difficult games but continued to fight and stay cohesive as a team.

The final record of 1-13 does not do the girls hard work and determination justice and there were some positives to take with closer games against Manchester Mystics II and Trafford and of course a well earned and much celebrated victory over Sheffield Hatters 80-77.

A lot of the girls will return to the team the following year so development was very much the focus.

UNDER 16 BOYS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISON

Head Coach: Chloe Gaynor

The boys amassed 8 wins in total for the season which was good enough for seventh place in the division with a record of 8-12.

The boys endured a difficult start to the season with losses to City of Birmingham and Manchester Magic before grabbing their first victory in a nail-biting affair with Northampton where they came away with a 87-84 win!

Closely fought victories against York and Derby were particular highlights amongst some tough competition in many of the boys first year at this age group. However, the season would end on a high with three wins on the bounce against Edinburgh, Leicester Riders and finally City of Leeds.

This was a great year of development for the group as many of the players were bottom age and would return to the same team for the 2023-24 season

Pos	Team	Wins	Losses	Pts
1	Manchester Mystics	16	0	48
2	Milton Keynes Breakers	14	2	44
3	Leicester Riders Foundation	10	6	36
4	Sheffield Hatters *	8	8	31
5	Manchester Mystics III	6	10	28
6	Bristol Academy Flyers *	6	9	26
7	Manchester Mystics II	5	11	26
8	Nottingham Wildcats *	5	11	25
9	Newcastle Eagles	1	14	17

Pos	Team	Wins	Losses	Pts
1	Manchester Magic	19	1	58
2	City of Birmingham Rockets I	18	2	56
3	Manchester Giants	15	5	50
4	Trafford Magic	14	6	48
5	Derby Trailblazers	11	9	38
6	Northamptonshire Titans	9	11	38
7	Newcastle Eagles	8	12	36
8	Leicester Riders Foundation I	8	12	36
9	City of Leeds Gold	4	16	28
10	York Eagles	4	16	28
11	City of Edinburgh *	0	20	19





TOTAL NUMBER OF ACADEMY PLAYERS

60



GOLF IN THE CITY PUTTS SHARE OF £12,000 INTO THE FOUNDATION

Newcastle based networking group Golf in the City (GITC) put their sporting skills to good use and raised £12,000 for the Eagles Community Foundation and Teenage Cancer Trust.

This year the two charities benefited from the event with all funds raised split equally, ensuring that the proceeds will directly benefit young people in the North East.

"We are thrilled with the outcome of our first charity-led golf event, which raised £12,000 for the Eagles Community Foundation and the Teenage Cancer Trust," said Marc Millar, partner at North Wealth Management and co-founder of GITC.

"Our goal was not only to enjoy a day of golf and networking but also to make a positive impact in our local community. We are grateful to all the participants, sponsors, and supporters who contributed to the success of this event."
The resounding success of the initiative has inspired GITC to plan another charity-led golf event in 2024, with the aim of making it an annual event. They hope to continue supporting local charities and fostering a sense of community through their love for golf.

The group provides regular opportunities for golf enthusiasts to come together, forge connections, and enjoy the camaraderie of the game. GITC is committed to giving back to the local community through charitable initiatives combining their love for golf with helping good causes.

NEWCASTLE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

Vertu Motors ARENA

CASE STUDY: GOLF IN THE CITY

FURTHER EDUCATION

EABL

Head Coach: Anthony Reed

The 2022-23 season saw our final year competing in the Elite Academy Basketball League before the restructuring of our programme with an exciting new project with Newcastle College Group which would see us move to compete in Basketball Englands 'College Basketball League' and compete as Newcastle College Eagles. This new venture would see students attending Newcastle College and Sixth form and combining studies with basketball training enabling us to provide almost double the contact time for player and allow their training times to wrap around their academic timetable.

There was more cause for celebration as four of our players graduated the programme and moved on to pastures new. Favour Ajayi signed in Spain's EBA league with Villareal where he would play senior basketball alongside his studies. Likewise Josh Osharenkhoe signed in Serie B Italy with Novipiù Campus Piemonte. Joe Sheeran would make the journey to the states two play junior college basketball (NJCAA) with Prairie State College Pioneers while Jakey Weech would continue his journey at Prep School with Cheshire Academy in New England.

After rounding up the final EABL season preparations were well underway in May 2023 to revamp the programme and launch the new Academy setup at Newcastle College. This saw 25 players attend Newcastle College Group as student athletes to compete across two teams, one in the College Basketball League (CBL) and the second team competing in Association of College sports (AoC). Head coach of the programme Anth Reed would be joined by professional BBL player Will Neighbour as second coach to ensure the programme had provision for all athletes.

The inaugural season has shown tremendous growth on and off the court as the academy established itself and in its infancy we have already seen an incredible amount of player development. Several players have progressed from second to first team and some who are relatively new to the game have played their first games of basketball at any level above our Central Venue League. Specifically, Luis Lameta has progressed from AoC to a starting spot on the CBL team in the first few months at the Academy and rookie forward (6'9!) Patryk Brzewski is also turning heads with his development. There is every reason to be excited about the emerging talent from our performance pathway.

The players on this programme have all exhibited the potential to achieve excellence within the sport.
Each student athlete will study:

- Technical & Tactical Skills
- Physical Capabilities
- Psychological Skills
- Nutrition
- Lifestyle
- How to communicate effectively
- Developing own career
- Health & Safety

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAYERS
18





WilliamsAli
CORPORATE FINANCE

WILLIAMSALI YEAR OF SUPPORT RAISES £10K FOR FOUNDATION

NEWCASTLE EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Leading advisory firm WilliamsAli Corporate Finance made a slam dunk over the last twelve months in helping to raise £10,000 in much needed funds for the Eagles Community Foundation.

The Newcastle-based independent corporate finance boutique has proven that its wide professional network extends beyond dealmaking, having brought together firms from across the region to raise such an incredible amount for the charity over the past year.

"We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of our network in helping us to raise such a significant amount for an often overlooked charity", said WilliamsAli Co-Founder, Phil Williams.

Having selected the Foundation as its Charity of the Year, WilliamsAli's calendar of fundraising captivated the North East's business community in supporting the Eagles' region-wide junior basketball participation and outreach programmes.

"We know that this money will go directly to supporting young people within our community at a time when this intervention has never been so vital", Williams added.

"We have spoken directly to inspiring youngsters who explained to us how the Eagles Community Foundation has transformed their lives for the better, so we know the impact this can have."

CASE STUDY: WILLIAMSALI CORPORATE FINANCE

Events at Vertu Motors ARENA

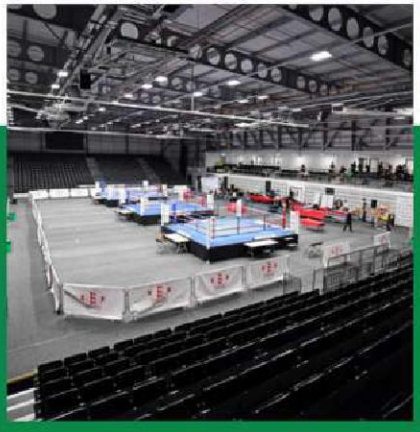
THE EAGLES COMMUNITY ARENA KNOWN AS THE VERTU MOTORS ARENA HAS CONTINUED TO GROW ACROSS THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD.

Community evening hours along with weekend hours are in heavy demand for the courts, especially with the Foundation player base growing so rapidly. The arena continues to host Foundation delivery plus local wheelchair basketball, netball and volleyball clubs with up to 3500 young people per week benefiting from club sport. During the day Newcastle College as anchor tenant utilises both the courts and classrooms as a base for sport further and higher education courses. In total more than 300 students have benefited from the arena facilities and an additional 600 with onsite exams twice a year.
Events within the building have developed with both existing and new clients, a handful of examples are below.

Newcastle Eagles men's and women's teams our anchor tenant delivered a successful year with record sales witnessed at the arena.

IN TOTAL 84% OF THE ARENA HOURS WERE USED BY COMMUNITY WITH ONLY 16% COMMERCIAL.

in financial terms this enabled commercial income to cover 75% of the cost of the arena with community contributing 25%.













BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE *Men*

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
1	Kyle	Johnson	6'5"	Shooting Guard
2	Sam	Mamuini	5'11"	Guard
3	Javion	Hamlet	6'4"	Guard
4	Ben	Mockford	6'2"	Guard
10	Denzel	Ubiaro	6'3"	Guard
11	Hasahn	French	6'7"	Forward
12	Josh	Moore	6'3"	Small Forward
13	Darius	Defoe	6'6"	Center
22	Jermel	Kennedy	6'7"	Forward
24	Justin	Gordon	6'6"	Forward
34	David	Cohn	6'2"	Point Guard

BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE *Women*

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
2	Maggie	Justinak	5'8"	Guard
3	Chloe	Gaynor	6'3"	Forward
4	Zoe	Willis	5'8"	Guard
5	Marina	Fernandez	6'0"	Guard
6	Millie	Oates	5'8"	Guard
8	Rachael	Bland	5'5"	Guard
9	Abby	Lowe	5'11"	Guard
11	Alex	Campbell	5'7"	Guard
16	Mollie	Arnold	5'7"	Guard
20	Alice	Mackenzie	5'9"	Guard
32	Katie	Nolan	6'0"	Center
33	Courtney	Clasen	5'8"	Guard
35	Antoinette	Lewis	6'1"	Center



CLUB HISTORY *Men*

SEASON	LEAGUE	PLAY OFFS	TROPHY	CUP
1996–1997 BBL	7th	Quarter-final	1st Round	Semi-final
1997–1998 BBL	3rd	Quarter-final	Semi-Final	4th Round
1998–1999 BBL	5th	Quarter-final	Semi-final	Semi-final
1999–2000 BBL	6th	DNQ	Quarter-final	1st Round
2000–2001 BBL	3rd	1st Round	Runner-up	Quarter-final
2001–2002 BBL	3rd	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2002–2003 BBL	5th	Semi-final	Semi-final	Quarter-final
2003–2004 BBL	6th	Quarter-final	1st Round	Quarter-final
2004–2005 BBL	2nd	**Winners**	**Winners**	Semi-final
2005–2006 BBL	**1st**	**Winners**	**Winners**	**Winners**
2006–2007 BBL	3rd	**Winners**	Runner-up	Semi-final
2007–2008 BBL	**1st**	Semi-final	Runner-up	Runner-up
2008–2009 BBL	**1st**	**Winners**	**Winners**	Runner-up
2009–2010 BBL	**1st**	Semi-final	**Winners**	Quarter-final
2010–2011 BBL	2nd	Semi-final	Semi-final	Semi-final
2011–2012 BBL	**1st**	**Winners**	**Winners**	**Winners**
2012–2013 BBL	2nd	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2013–2014 BBL	**1st**	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2014–2015 BBL	**1st**	**Winners**	**Winners**	**Winners**
2015–2016 BBL	2nd	1st Round	Runner-up	**Winners**
2016–2017 BBL	2nd	Runner-up	Quarter-final	**Winners**
2017–2018 BBL	3rd	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2018–2019 BBL	3rd	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
2019–2020 BBL	-	-	**Winners**	Quarter-final
2020–2021 BBL	4th	Winners	Quarter-final	**Winners**
2021–2022 BBL	9th	DNQ	1st Round	Group Stages
2022–2023 BBL	8th	1st Round	1st Round	Quarter-final

CLUB HISTORY *Women*

SEASON	LEAGUE	PLAY OFFS	TROPHY	CUP
2018–2019 WBBL	7th	Quarter-final	Group Stages	Quarter-final
2019–2020 WBBL	-	-	1st Round	Semi-final
2020–2021 WBBL	7th	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Group Stages
2021–2022 WBBL	10th	DNQ	1st Round	Group Stages
2022–2023 WBBL	3rd	1st Round	Semi-final	1st Round





2022-23 NEWCASTLE EAGLES BBL & WBBL TEAMS



DAVID COHN DRIVING TO THE BASKET IN FRONT OF ANOTHER SOLD OUT CROWD



ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE AT A WOMEN'S BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE GAME

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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 July 2023

Charity number : 1112997
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Annual highlights 2022/23

Across the past twelve months the demand for the Foundations delivery has continued to grow. Junior membership has again increased with a staggering 2,293 junior players taking part in weekly Eagles club coaching sessions. This growth has also had a positive effect upon our Eagles junior league as the number of teams has increased.

The post pandemic return to full delivery across the twelve-month period has enabled the Foundation to respond to the demand by increasing sessions, developing girls only sessions, growing the junior league number of teams to the largest in its history and further develop the pool of coaches, officials, referees, and volunteers.

I'm proud to report that the arena usage during the period protected 86% for community usage and 14% for commercial usage, including the Eagles men's and women's home games. In financial terms, commercial usage (14%) covered 75% of the arena expenditure, leaving community with only 25% whilst gaining access to incredible facilities for the mass majority of opening hours.

This is quite a remarkable statistic as the Foundation team continues to balance increasing expenditure as inflation continues to impact the cost of goods and wages, adding to this the energy crisis has seen utility bills triple.

The Foundation continues to maintain its course of being a self-sustainable charity, delivering its aims and objectives to the local community. The annual report highlights areas of this delivery and the success we have all achieved together.



Paul Blake
Chair

22nd April 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity and its group for the year ended 31 July 2023, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a group directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The organisation is a Public Benefit Entity within the definitions of FRS 102.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The aims of our services

- to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing basketball
- to provide facilities for sport and recreation for people who need such facilities
- to advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees see fit.

The Trustees are satisfied that in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines, the Eagles Community Foundation meets the public benefit requirements. The Trustees have regard to this guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

A review of our achievements and performance

Clubs and Eagles League

Demand for playing in our junior clubs continued to increase across the year with the number of young people participating in weekly Eagles junior clubs reaching an all-time high with more than 2200. As a direct result the demand to play in the league increased with again more teams than ever entering our junior league. This resulted in the league servicing 135 junior Eagles teams.

Academy

The academy teams increased from three to four with U14 girls, U14 boys, U16 girls and U16 boys. The under 19 age groups continued with three programmes; Newcastle Eagles DiSE, Gateshead College and Tynemet College.

International honours

Tosan Evboumwan became the first Eagle and the eighth UK player to come through the British basketball system and graduate to the NBA. Named in the NCAA South Region All-Tournament Team after leading Princeton to the Sweet Sixteen, Tosan accumulated an impressive list of accolades in 2022-23. An incredible journey for a local lad who is a trailblazer across the pond.

Jakub Bobkowski, a member of the Newcastle Eagles U16 Premier side was selected for the England U15 team. In April 2023, Jackub represented England at the Globasket Tournament in Lloret de Mar, Spain. Additionally, Jakub is also an initial squad member of the Great Britain U16 team.

Ian MacLeod, ECF Development Manager, holds the position of Assistant Coach for the Great Britain U18 Men's team. Ian assisted the U18 Men's team during the European Championship qualifiers during the summer of 2023.

A review of our achievements and performance (*continued*)

Newcastle College
The partnership continues to blossom with the fourth year of onsite courses and exams based at the Vertu Motor Arena. The Foundation and college find new ways to engage with each other including Eagles staff assisting the college via Employer Advisory boards providing key employability sector feedback.

The Science of Basketball
Our flagship women's team programme underwent another expansion this year with thirty schools benefiting from the delivery funded by the Reece Foundation. The programme not only works in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths but also works to break down stereotypes and misconceptions. The programme encourages Key Stage 2 students to tackle key STEM topics, such as percentages, ratios, averages and forces, by making the classroom come to life through the fast-paced and statistically focused professional sport.

Hoops4Health
Our original flagship primary school programme delivered again this season, engaging thousands of young people with healthy lifestyle practices. All council finals were delivered successfully at the Vertu Motors Arena with funders present.

Fundraising
Two major new events took place:

- Williams Ali 3v3 Corporate Challenge took place with 24 teams participating in a fun afternoon at the Vertu Motors Arena in June. The entry fees, plus fundraising on the day saw a staggering £10,000 raised. A huge amount for the Foundation to benefit our local community with activities benefiting including the academy and pay it forward programme.
- Golf in the City named the Foundation one of two beneficiaries for their annual golf day and dinner taking place at Slaley Hall in May. In total the Foundation received a huge £6,000.

Plans for the future

Short term

- Work force development and education courses are a priority for the Foundation to enable the further growth and cater for the local demand. Currently the delivery at local club sites is maximised with the community coach numbers.
- STEM; The Science of Basketball is continuing to develop and has potential to be a major influencing programme on how primary school Key Stage 2 engage within the subject areas, especially girls. It is hoped this programme will continue to develop.
- Enable further growth of the junior league to cater for the increasing demand, this may result in increasing hours and changing the format or delivery days.
- Newcastle College developments for under nineteen opportunities will be key to improve the offering and for young people to continue with education. It is hoped the current college partnership will develop further as we combine our best efforts of sport and education and provide a unique opportunity.
- Fundraising events are in discussions with more local businesses and people wanting to help. It is hoped the events will increase across the next twelve months with money being directed in to the Foundations Pay it Forward programme.

Plans for the future (continued)

Longer term

- The Foundation is currently seeking funding for the further development of the arena due to the continuing demand from young people and families. Meetings have been held with local bodies and a RIBA 0 document has been produced. This has provided the opportunity to develop a business case and look at site options.
- The development of the arena will lead to an additional two basketball courts and up to 1,000 additional seats. This investment will need to be fully funded with no additional loan added to the current. Such a change will enable the delivery of charitable work even when events are being held in the main arena and for the extension of all programmes. This would enable the Foundation to circa double the number of junior teams benefiting on weekends and thousands of young people in the building during weekdays.
- The Arena title sponsor will be available for renewal in 2026, the current sponsor has first right of renewal. This is a major investment for the Foundation and working with Vertu Motors has been a rewarding and successful partnership.
- The Foundation will need to pay for the resurfacing of Clumber Street as per planning conditions. It is expected this will be able to take place within the next two years.

Financial review

Total income for the group for the financial year was £1,612,387 (2022: £1,350,912) and total expenditure for the group was £1,630,526 (2022: £1,301,890). The results for the year therefore show a deficit amounting to £18,139 (2022: surplus £49,022).

The Foundation has performed well in a year of both increased financial income and costs due to the increase need for the Foundations delivery. The charity has incurred far higher utility bills, some having tripled within a two year period along with a UK 10% inflation on costs. This in turn has led the Foundation to reduce the cost of living crisis on members of staff with a 10% salary increase reflecting the Real Living Wage Foundation. The Foundation will continue to mitigate further inflation increases with a plan in place to prioritise the purchase of essential big items only.

Reserves policy

At the year end, the group hold £3,691,980 (2022: £3,592,497) in unrestricted funds and £Nil (2022: £117,622) in restricted funds, giving total funds of £3,691,980 (2022: £3,710,119). The trustees have a target to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of total charitable expenditure. At the year end 31 July 2023, this equates to approximately £407,631 (2022: £325,473). At this level of free reserves, the group could maintain all operations for three months even if no income was being generated. Free reserves was £41,398 at year end. The trustees are aware free reserves need to increase and plan to increase fees for delivery to coincide with the UK inflation increase. The plan for fundraising has also increased with additional volunteers and local businesses coming forwards to support this development. This would increase the free reserves available.

Risk Management

Risks to the charity have been identified and reviewed on an ongoing basis, and appropriate action taken. This has included ensuring appropriate insurance cover, identifying physical risks such as uneven surfaces, reviewing fire safety systems and training staff, ensuring staff have first aid training, and undertaking a general health and safety risk assessment throughout our premises.

The Foundation has engaged with Kore Health & Safety to ensure a robust internal structure on policies, training and procedures. Kore also work with major events at the arena ensuring all health and safety laws and regulations are abided to and the arena itself is protected with loadings.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 22 March 2005. It registered with the Charity Commission on 15 February 2006. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association as amended by special Resolution dated 26 October 2005 which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The charity has a 100% owned trading company, The Eagles Community Arena, incorporated on 18 December 2018. The subsidiary's results are consolidated into the financial statements of the charity for the first year. See note 10 of the financial statements for further details.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity.

All new trustees receive a trustee welcome pack, which contains key policies, strategic plans, code of conduct etc. They also receive induction time with the Chief Executive and opportunities to visit services and activities as well as access to any relevant training.

The Management Committee at 31st July 2023 was made up of eight trustees. The Management Committee meet on a quarterly basis and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A line management system is in place with day to day responsibility for the management of the organisation resting with the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. Day to day operational management is headed by individual team members using the reporting structures and line management to finally report to the Chief Executive and trustees.

The Foundation holds and implements a benchmarking paper for all members of staff on a grading system. This exercise was carried out by industry professionals external to the organisation. The Chief Executive of the Foundation presents a paper to the board on an annual basis with recommendations for inflation increase. This is based on the Real Living Wage Foundation percent increase.

Going concern

The trustees consider the charity and its subsidiary to be able to continue operating for the foreseeable future, and have prepared financial statements on this basis.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees (who are also Directors of the Eagles Community Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and its group, and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company and its group for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and its group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors
In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- There is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the auditor is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor
Stephenson Coates Audit Limited were elected as auditor for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board on 22nd April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Paul Blake
Chair

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eagles Community Foundation (the 'charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 July 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2023, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity and its group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees' with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Other information (*continued*)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the parent charitable company, its group and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- The trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the charity itself and the industry in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the directors and other management. The most significant identified that directly affect the financial statements are the Companies Act 2006, UK GAAP (FRS 102) and relevant tax legislation. The company is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: Health and Safety, Employment Law and Data Protection regulations, recognising the nature of the group's activities.

We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

- making enquiries of trustees' and management as to where they consider there to be susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- assessing the design effectiveness of the controls in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- assessing the risk of management override, including identifying and testing journal entries;
- challenging the assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.

Our audit did not identify any key audit matters relating to the detection of irregularities including fraud. However, despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matter

This is the first set of consolidated financial statements for the charitable company and its group. Previously the charity has taken exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements.
The parent charity's financial statements were audited in the prior year. The subsidiary's financial statements were not audited in the prior year.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the group and charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the group and charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



John Oswald (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Stephenson Coates Audit Limited

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22nd April 2024

Eagles Community Foundation
Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (*incorporating the consolidated income and expenditure account*)
Year ended 31 July 2023

Current financial year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	*Total Funds 2022*
		£	£	£	*£*
Income					
Donations	5	**30,702**	**54,735**	**85,437**	99,154
Charitable activities	6	**588,882**	**27,245**	**616,127**	413,819
Other trading activities	7	**810,337**	**-**	**810,337**	736,011
Other income	8	**100,486**	**-**	**100,486**	101,928
Total income		**1,530,407**	**81,980**	**1,612,387**	1,350,912
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		**1,543,761**	**86,765**	**1,630,526**	1,301,890
Total expenditure	9	**1,543,761**	**86,765**	**1,630,526**	1,301,890
Net (expenditure) / income		**(13,354)**	**(4,785)**	**(18,139)**	49,022
Transfers between funds		**112,837**	**(112,837)**	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**99,483**	**(117,622)**	**(18,139)**	49,022
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**3,592,497**	**117,622**	**3,710,119**	*3,661,097*
Total funds carried forward		**3,691,980**	**-**	**3,691,980**	*3,710,119*

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 19 - 29 form part of the financial statements.

Eagles Community Foundation
Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (*incorporating the consolidated income and expenditure account*)
Year ended 31 July 2023

Prior financial year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
		£	£	£
Income				
Donations	5	52,622	46,532	99,154
Charitable activities	6	385,514	28,305	413,819
Other trading activities	7	736,011	-	736,011
Other income	8	101,928	-	101,928
Total income		1,276,075	74,837	1,350,912
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		1,231,838	70,052	1,301,890
Total expenditure	9	1,231,838	70,052	1,301,890
Net income		44,237	4,785	49,022
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net movement in funds		44,237	4,785	49,022
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		3,548,260	112,837	3,661,097
Total funds carried forward		3,592,497	117,622	3,710,119

Eagles Community Foundation
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2023
Company number: 05400969
Charity number: 1112997

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	*2022* £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**13**		**6,800,576**		6,845,267
Total fixed assets			**6,800,576**		6,845,267
Current assets					
Stocks		**7,526**		5,863	
Debtors	**15**	**151,075**		150,193	
Cash at bank and in hand		**358,613**		402,026	
Total current assets		**517,214**		558,082	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	**516,484**		545,855	
Net current assets			**730**		12,227
Creditors: amounts falling due beyond one year	**17**		**3,109,326**		3,147,375
Net assets			**3,691,980**		3,710,119
The funds of the charitable group					
Restricted funds			-		117,622
Unrestricted funds			**3,691,980**		3,592,497
Total charitable group funds	**18, 20**		**3,691,980**		3,710,119

The notes on pages 19 - 29 form part of the financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22nd April 2024, and are signed on their behalf by:

Paul Blake
Chair

Eagles Community Foundation
Charity Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2023
Company number: 05400969
Charity number: 1112997

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	*2022* £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		6,800,576		6,845,267
Investments	14		1		1
Total fixed assets			6,800,577		6,845,268
Current assets					
Debtors	15	84,936		165,046	
Cash at bank and in hand		340,940		365,459	
Total current assets		425,876		530,505	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	425,147		518,279	
Net current assets			729		12,226
Creditors: amounts falling due beyond one year	17		3,109,326		3,147,375
Net assets			3,691,980		3,710,119
The funds of the charity					
Restricted funds			-		117,622
Unrestricted funds			3,691,980		3,592,497
Total charity funds	19, 20		3,691,980		3,710,119

Eagles Community Foundation, the charity's own deficit for the year included in these group results was £18,139 (2022: surplus of £49,022).

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These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22nd April 2024, and are signed on their behalf by:

Paul Blake
Chair

Eagles Community Foundation
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended 31 July 2023

	2023	*2022*
	£	*£*
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net (expenditure) / income	**(18,139)**	49,022
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	**52,790**	56,709
(Increase) / decrease in stock	**1,663**	(5,863)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	**(882)**	(81,371)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	**(8,462)**	(86,099)
Net cash from operating activities	**26,970**	(67,602)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	**(8,099)**	(17,915)
Net cash used by investing activities	**(8,099)**	(17,915)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowings	**(62,284)**	(62,282)
Net cash from financing activities	**(62,284)**	(62,282)
Change in cash balances in year	**(43,413)**	(147,799)
Bank and cash balances brought forward	**402,026**	549,825
Bank and cash balances carried forward	**358,613**	402,026

Analysis of net debt

	2023	*2022*
	£	*£*
Cash and cash equivalents	358,613	402,026
Loans	(3,058,646)	(3,121,105)
Loan interest accrued	(289,459)	(263,063)
Hire purchase liabilities	(12,617)	(9,989)
	(3,002,109)	(2,992,131)

1. General information

Eagles Community Foundation (parent charity) is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Eagles Community Arena (Vertu Motors Arena), Clumber Street, Scotswood Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne And Wear, NE4 7AF.

2. Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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), (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

Basis of preparation

Eagles Community Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company and its group's ability to continue as a going concern.

Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the charitable company and its subsidiary undertaking, the Eagles Community Arena Limited, on a line by line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities for the charity itself is not presented because the charity has taken the exemption conferred by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.
- Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the funder, donor or through the terms of an appeal.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the group is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income is the amount derived from the provision of goods/services, and stated after trade discounts, other sales taxes and net of VAT. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the group, are recognised when the group becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, is accounted for as the group earns the right to consideration by its performance.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the group where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activities are accounted for when earned.

3. Accounting policies (*continued*)

Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

- Expenditure on charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.
- Support costs comprise those costs which are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include finance and office costs. Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.
- Support costs are allocated to each of the activities on one of the following bases: either floor space or staff time depending on the nature of the support costs, to best allocate the costs to each attributable heading.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.
The group companies relieve their tax liability by making Gift Aid payments to the parent charity within nine months of the year end.

Stocks
Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

Current assets
Amounts owing to the group at 31 July are shown as debtors less provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short term deposits represent cash held on deposit at the bank. Cash at bank and in hand represents bank balances at close of business on 31 July.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Tangible fixed assets & depreciation
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life:

Building	None	See below
Fixtures and fittings – Arena seating	4%	On cost
Fixtures and fittings – Other	15%	Reducing balance
Computers	33%	On cost

The board have agreed that the building will serve its first 5 years without asset depreciation, given the build quality and ongoing maintenance levels experienced to date. Following this period the board have agreed to depreciate the building over a 50 year period.

3. Accounting policies (*continued*)

Financial instruments
A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.
Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.
For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets or either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics. Any reversals of impairment are recognised in profit or loss immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Voluntary assistance
Time is expended on the charity's activities and governance which is donated free of charge. It is impractical to quantify the value of the time given; accordingly, it is recorded neither as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.

Reclassification of prior year comparatives
There has been some reclassifications to the prior year comparatives in the Statement of Financial Activities to ensure full compliance with FRS 102 and SORP requirements, and allow for first year consolidated accounts to be prepared.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements
Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.
There are no critical judgements, significant assumptions concerning the future and key sources of estimation of uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

4. Limited by guarantee

Eagles Community Foundation is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

5. Donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	*2022 £*
Gift aid	2,321	-	**2,321**	5,036
Donations	27,881	-	**27,881**	22,901
Grants				
Hoops for Health	-	28,250	**28,250**	26,437
Reece Group	-	19,800	**19,800**	13,200
Basketball England	-	6,685	**6,685**	-
Other	500	-	**500**	-
Newcastle City Council	-	-	-	15,286
Job retention scheme	-	-	-	9,807
Streetgames	-	-	-	4,267
Northumbria Healthcare Trust	-	-	-	2,220
	30,702	54,735	**85,437**	99,154

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	*2022 £*
Hoops for Health	-	27,245	**27,245**	27,680
League and clubs	519,000	-	**519,000**	358,292
School of Excellence	-	-	-	722
Education	69,882	-	**69,882**	27,125
	588,882	27,245	**616,127**	413,819

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	*2022 £*
Income from The Eagles Community Arena (Note 10)	760,750	-	**760,750**	674,161
Coaching	49,587	-	**49,587**	61,850
	810,337	-	**810,337**	736,011

8. Other income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	*2022 £*
Sponsorship income	100,000	-	**100,000**	100,000
Other	486	-	**486**	1,928
	100,486	-	**100,486**	101,928

9. Charitable expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	*2022*
	£	£	£	£
Activity costs	109,090	-	**109,090**	86,245
Direct costs	121,701	86,765	**208,466**	176,144
Staff costs	431,251	-	**431,251**	322,062
Pension	11,524	-	**11,524**	7,960
Establishment costs	19,937	-	**19,937**	7,370
Office costs	7,107	-	**7,107**	6,882
Sundry	131	-	**131**	247
Depreciation	42,232	-	**42,232**	45,367
Arena costs	470,735	-	**470,735**	365,596
Support costs				
Staff costs	107,813	-	**107,813**	80,515
Establishment costs	5,187	-	**5,187**	1,843
Office costs	1,777	-	**1,777**	1,720
Depreciation	10,558	-	**10,558**	11,342
Governance costs				
Legal & professional fees	30,656	-	**30,656**	34,052
Auditors remuneration	10,920	-	**10,920**	3,660
Accountancy charges	8,129	-	**8,129**	3,923
Bank charges	1,622	-	**1,622**	4,005
Interest	153,391	-	**153,391**	142,957
	1,543,761	86,765	**1,630,526**	1,301,890

Prior year numbers have been reclassified to allow for support costs to be presented separately and in accordance with FRS 102 requirements.

10. Net income from trading activity of subsidiary company

The charity has a wholly owned subsidiary which is registered in England and Wales; The Eagles Community Arena Limited (company number 11731561).

The Eagles Community Arena Limited
The Eagles Community Arena Limited is a 100% owned subsidiary of the Eagles Community Foundation. During the financial year, the Eagles Community Foundation charged the Eagles Community Arena Limited £360,000 (2022: £403,864) in respect of management charges, and received £226,187 (2022: £148,924) under gift aid distribution.

A summary of the trading results is shown below. Audited financial statements will be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

Profit and loss account	**2023**	*2022*
	£	*£*
Turnover	760,750	672,021
Cost of Sales	(161,556)	(113,568)
Administrative expenses	(373,009)	(409,529)
Net profit	226,185	148,924
Balance Sheet summary		
Current assets	116,179	121,193
Current liabilities	(116,178)	(121,190)
Net assets	1	3
Total funds	1	3

11. Staff costs and remuneration of key management

	2023	*2022*
	£	*£*
Salaries	**632,169**	520,575
Social security	**30,514**	24,629
Other pension costs	**11,524**	7,960
	674,207	553,164

The average number of employees during the year was 70 (2022: 60) involved in providing either direct charitable services or support services to charitable activities. One employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: None).
The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees, chief executive officer and chief operating officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £112,852 (2022: £105,363).

12. Trustee remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2023 (*2022: Nil*).
Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2023 was £Nil (*2022: Nil*).

13. Tangible fixed assets

Group and charity

	Building	Fixtures & Equipment	IT	Total
Cost	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
At 1 August 2022	**6,190,043**	**894,480**	**11,536**	**7,096,059**
Additions	-	6,798	1,301	8,099
At 31 July 2023	**6,190,043**	**901,278**	**12,837**	**7,104,158**
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2022	**-**	**240,704**	**10,088**	**250,792**
Charge for year	-	51,261	1,529	52,790
At 31 July 2023	**-**	**291,965**	**11,617**	**303,582**
Net Book Value				
At 31 July 2023	**6,190,043**	**609,313**	**1,220**	**6,800,576**
At 31 July 2022	*6,190,043*	*653,776*	*1,448*	*6,845,267*

14. Investments

Charity

	2023	*2022*
	£	*£*
Eagles Community Arena Limited		
1 Ordinary share of £1 (note 10)	**1**	1

15. Debtors

	Group 2023	Group *2022*	Charity 2023	Charity *2022*
	£	*£*	**£**	*£*
Trade debtors	**130,648**	113,321	**51,236**	54,653
Other debtors and prepayments	**20,427**	36,872	**8,858**	17,108
Amount owed by Eagles Community Arena Limited (note 10)	**-**	-	**24,842**	93,285
	151,075	150,193	**84,936**	165,046

16. Creditors : amounts falling due in one year

	Group 2023	Group *2022*	Charity 2023	Charity *2022*
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	**40,222**	95,186	**32,357**	93,898
Other creditors	**3,646**	8,968	**3,090**	8,968
Taxation and social security	**73,368**	47,938	**28,909**	22,451
Deferred income	**75,000**	41,667	**41,667**	41,667
Accruals	**270,962**	279,822	**265,838**	279,022
Loans	**40,669**	62,284	**40,669**	62,284
Hire purchase	**12,617**	9,989	**12,617**	9,989
	516,484	545,854	**425,147**	518,279

Group
Deferred income comprises sponsorship income and Arena events income relating to future periods. Amount released in the current year £41,667 (2022: £41,667), and amounts deferred at year end £75,000 (2022: £41,667).

Charity
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17. Creditors : amounts falling due after one year

	Group 2023	Group *2022*	Charity 2023	Charity *2022*
	£	£	£	£
Loans – within 1 to 2 years	**21,727**	62,571	**21,727**	62,571
Loans – within 3 to 5 years	**5,740**	5,740	**5,740**	5,740
Loans – after five years	**2,990,510**	2,990,510	**2,990,510**	2,990,510
Accruals	**91,349**	88,554	**91,349**	88,554
	3,109,326	3,147,375	**3,109,326**	3,147,375

The loan due after 5 years is repayable to the City of Newcastle Council over 35 years, being extended to 43 years after the impact of Covid. Interest is repaid on the loan at a rate of 4.47% per annum. The advance by the City of Newcastle Council is secured on the building. The Council is the freeholder and has granted a 250 year lease to the charity for the site.

18. Total charity funds

Group

	At 1 Aug 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2023
Unrestricted	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General	3,592,497	1,530,407	(1,543,761)	112,837	**3,691,980**
Restricted					
Activities	4,785	81,980	(86,765)	-	-
Building	112,837	-	-	(112,837)	-
	117,622	81,980	(86,765)	(112,837)	-
	3,710,119	1,612,387	(1,630,526)	-	**3,691,980**

	At 1 Aug 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2022
Unrestricted	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General	3,548,260	1,276,075	(1,231,838)	-	**3,592,497**
Restricted					
Activities	-	74,837	(70,052)	-	**4,785**
Building	112,837	-	-	-	**112,837**
	112,837	74,837	(70,052)	-	**117,622**
	3,661,097	1,229,539	(1,180,517)	-	**3,710,119**

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. There are no designated funds (2022: None).

Restricted funds and transfers

£112,837 was transferred from the building restricted fund to unrestricted funds in the year; this was restricted funding previously received by the charity, where the requirements of the funds have been fully fulfilled through the unrestricted fund.

19. Total charity funds

Charity

	At 1 Aug 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2023
Unrestricted	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General	3,592,497	1,355,844	(1,369,198)	112,837	**3,691,980**
Restricted					
Activities	4,785	81,980	(86,765)	-	-
Building	112,837	-	-	(112,837)	-
	117,622	81,980	(86,765)	(112,837)	-
	3,710,119	1,437,824	(1,455,963)	-	**3,691,980**

	At 1 Aug 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2022
Unrestricted	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General	3,548,260	1,154,702	(1,110,465)	-	**3,592,497**
Restricted					
Activities	-	74,837	(70,052)	-	**4,785**
Building	112,837	-	-	-	**112,837**
	112,837	74,837	(70,052)	-	**117,622**
	3,661,097	1,229,539	(1,180,517)	-	**3,710,119**

20. Analysis of net asset between funds

Group

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	*Total Funds 2022*
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	6,800,576	-	**6,800,576**	6,845,268
Current assets	517,213	-	**517,213**	530,505
Creditors less than 1 year	(516,484)	-	**(516,484)**	(518,279)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(3,109,326)	-	**(3,109,326)**	(3,147,375)
Net assets	3,691,980	-	**3,691,980**	3,710,119

21. Auditor's remuneration

	2023	*2022*
	£	*£*
Audit of the group's financial statements	7,560	3,660
Other accounting services	3,360	-
Total remuneration	10,920	3,660

22. Related party transactions

During the year the company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Transaction value		**Balance owed by/(owed to)**	
	2023	*2022*	**2023**	*2022*
	£	*£*	**£**	*£*
Newcastle Eagles Basketball Club Ltd			**27,700**	31,800
Income	**55,151**	26,500		
Expenses	**(71,806)**	(22,200)		
Geoffrey Forrester and Co Solicitors	**(36,000)**	(36,000)	**(15,000)**	(51,000)

Paul Blake is majority shareholder of Newcastle Eagles Basketball Club Ltd. During the financial year 2023, the Eagles Community Foundation provided management services valued and charged at £40,000 (2022: £26,500).

Geoffrey Forrester and Co Solicitors have provided a loan to Eagles Community Foundation. Geoffrey Forrester is a related party of David Forrester, a trustee of the Foundation. The loan was fully repaid by the Foundation on 27 December 2023.

23. Controlling party

The members of the Board of Trustees are considered to be the controlling party.

EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Accounts

NEWCASTLE EAGLES
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION









ANNUAL REPORT

2022

FACTS AND FIGURES
2021-22

hoops 4 health

52 schools participated

1,133 young people in tournaments

3,396 roadshow participants

6 council finals

129 school teams in tournaments

BBL and WBBL squad players deliver Hoops 4 Health roadshows

EAGLES CVL

123 club teams compete within our junior central venue league

11 junior club sites

1,955 registered junior players

OVER 1,100 competing in our central venue league every week

27 officiating staff for CVL

more than **7,750** volunteer hours donated this season

9 foundation trustees

14 full-time staff

70 casual and part-time staff

our clubs cater from 5 years old to senior age groups

STEM

16 schools took part in the programme pilot

NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

45 academy players

19 DiSE and EABL players

ZERO core-funding

THANKS TO OUR TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Eagles Community Foundation, thank you to all of our Board of Trustees for their commitment this year: **Alan Younger, Dave, Forrester, Eric Wilson, Jeff King, Malcolm Dix, Paul Blake, Rob Page, Stephen Savage and Su Cumming**

INTRODUCTION

PAUL BLAKE CHAIRMAN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The past twelve months has witnessed the largest demand for our services with the highest recorded membership jumping from 1,250 in July 2021 to 1,955 in July 2022.

The post pandemic return to life has enabled the Foundation to respond by increasing sessions, developing girls only sessions, growing the junior league number of teams to the largest in its history and developing the pool of coaches, officials, referees and volunteers.

To enable this growth it has taken quite an investment within the Foundation to help future proof delivery for the coming years.

The Foundation team responded to new challenges with the return to events with full capacity spectators in the building whilst continuing to deliver the NHS vaccination programme to our local community with hosting Newcastle GP Services. This highlighted the importance of balancing a schedule to uphold quality delivery within each decision taken.

The senior management team have had to respond to the changing environment with return to school delivery, community needs of the building, ensuring a safe environment for all at events and day to day activities along with ensuring all members of staff were supported.

The team ensured a safe return to school delivery of the Hoops4Health programme, school coaching plus the development of the STEM programme linked to the women's senior team.

Although outreach delivery experienced high demand from the beginning of the financial year the event calendar continued to be affected by the pandemic.

It took until March 2022 until the return of meetings and conferences took place on a regular basis negatively impacting the financial income expectations for the year. However, since March 2022 the demand for the arena has recovered to post pandemic needs.

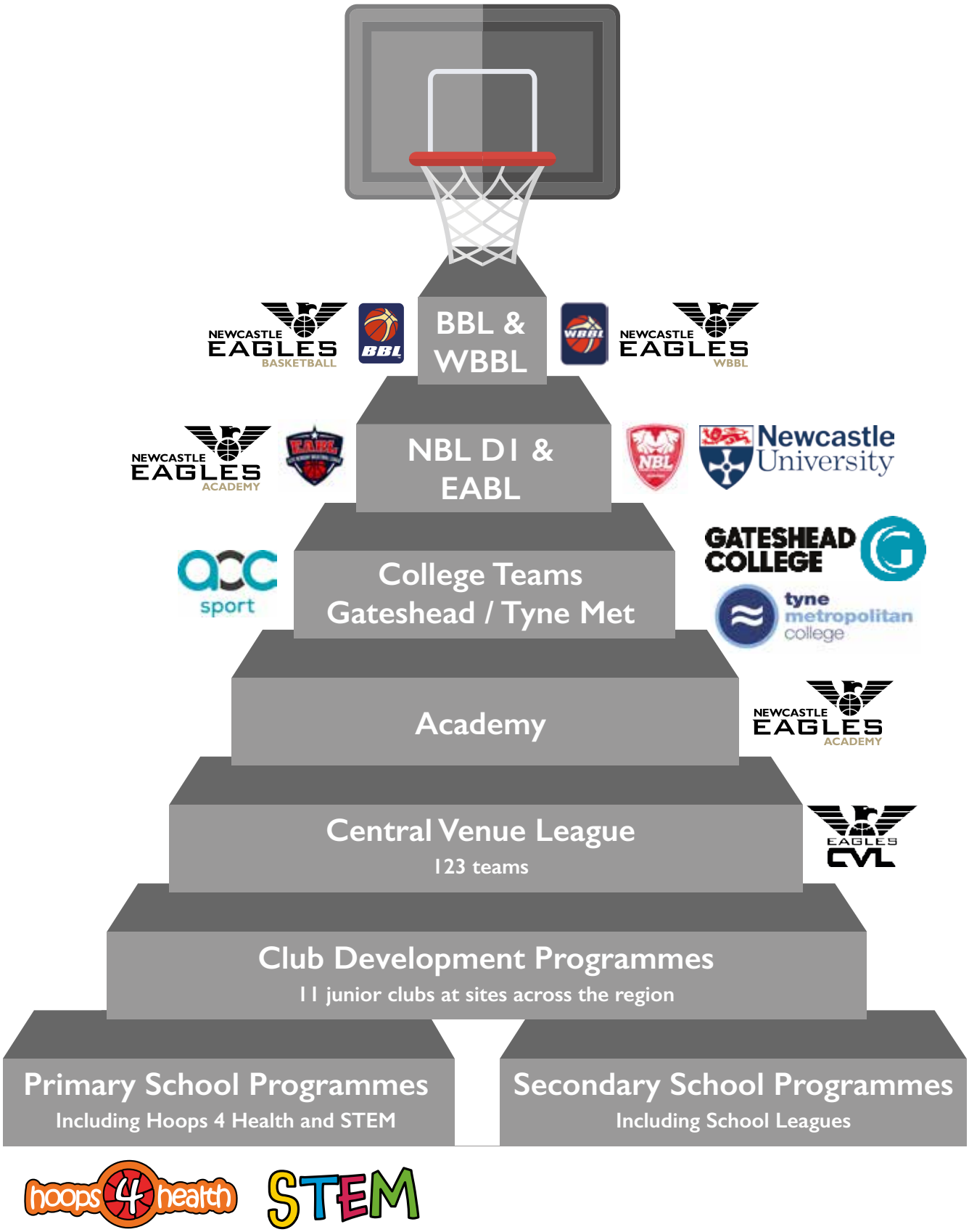
In reflection the twelve months have been incredibly demanding upon the Foundation, the return to normal business with full loan repayments restarting, outreach demand exceeding expectations, arena events taking time to recover, support needed to return everyone to normal operations along with full arena spectated events.

It has been a time for growth, development and reflection to re-establishing the Foundations core activities.

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PLAYER PATHWAY



PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
HOOPS 4 HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

The Hoops 4 Health programme returned to in school delivery in the 2021-22 academic year after a challenging but innovative year running virtually throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The foundation engages over three thousand pupils across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland through our Hoops 4 Health programme.

The programme evolves every year to ensure the key issues are addressed in delivery through a fun and engaging, safe environment to pupils in years 4, 5 and 6.

The partners involved during the year included:

- Change 4 Life
- Gateshead Housing Company
- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbrian Healthcare Trust Hospital Volunteer Service
- Northumbrian Water

Our project partners and the schools themselves have helped us to connect with young people to encourage them to make healthier lifestyle decisions as they move into teenage years and secondary school.



Hoops 4 Health is broken down into 3 different sections:

1. Healthy living roadshow afternoon delivered by the Newcastle Eagles BBL and WBBL players
2. Coaching delivered by the Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation Coaches.
3. A local council tournament day

Hoops 4 Health programmes run across six local educational authorities:

- Gateshead
- Newcastle
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

PARTICIPATION

GATESHEAD

SCHOOL	
Ceadmon Primary School	60
Crookhill Community Primary School	26
Emmaville Primary School	67
Falla Park Community Primary School	55
Glynwood Comnunity Primary	120
Kells Lane Primary School	60
Kelvin Grove Primary School	80
Larkspur Community Primary School	44
Lobley Hill Primary School	50
Oakfield Junior School	60
St Peter's RCVA Primary School	32
TOTAL	**654**

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS 3,396

NEWCASTLE

SCHOOL	
Bridgewater Primary School	60
Byker Primary School	60
Gosforth Central Middle School	150
Gosforth Junior High Academy	180
Hilton Primary School	120
Mountfield Primary School	30
Our Lady & St Anne's RC Primary School	61
St Alban's RC Primary School	58
St Bede's Primary School	30
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School	30
TOTAL	**779**

NORTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Backworth Park Primary School	50
Balliol Primary School	21
Collingwood Primary School	104
Cullercoats Primary School	65
Denbigh Primary School	56
New York Primary School	88
Preston Grange Primary School	60
Redesdale Primary School	60
Riverside Primary School	45
Shiremoor Primary School	51
Stephenson Memorial Primary School	81
Wallsend Jubilee Primary School	88
Wellfield Middle School	90
TOTAL	**859**

NORTHUMBERLAND

SCHOOL	
Corbridge Middle School	80
Darras Hall Primary School	80
Meadowdale Academy	64
New Delaval Primary School	25
Ponteland Community Primary School	68
Prudhoe West Academy	50
Richard Coates CE Primary School	30
TOTAL	**397**

SOUTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Biddick Hall Junior School	120
Forest View Primary School	57
Harton Primary School	90
Holy Trinity CE Academy	29
Stanhope Primary School	60
St Bede's RC Primary School	29
TOTAL	**385**

SUNDERLAND

SCHOOL	
Barnes Junior School	81
East Herrington Primary School	60
Farringdon Academy	60
Seaburn Dene Primary School	61
St Cuthberts RCVA Primary School	60
TOTAL	**322**

SUPPORTED BY

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The programme consists of five stages and this year delivery happened in each of the schools taking part.

Every part of the programme is delivered by either the Newcastle Eagles or Eagles Community Foundation and the following pages will give a more detailed account of what each stage entails.

STAGE 1
ROADSHOWS



STAGE 2
COACHING



STAGE 3
TOURNAMENTS



STAGE 4
TOURNAMENT FINALS



STAGE 5
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS



STAGE 1 - ROADSHOWS

The roadshow is a full afternoon at the school delivered by a group of players from the Newcastle Eagles BBL and WBBL teams. The roadshow can have up to a maximum of 120 pupils taking part. It is important that the players deliver this aspect of the programme as being role models they have the ability to inspire the children and thus educate on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

On arrival the players will do an introduction about themselves and then through Q and A will find out what the children think having a healthy lifestyle means.

The children are told that throughout the afternoon they will receive stickers for good behaviour, engaging in the sessions and having a positive attitude.

FITNESS & THE BODY

The first station of the afternoon is fitness & the body and is the chance for pupils to get up and start being physically active. The players start by finding out what activities the pupils do to keep active outside of school and to find out if they understand what effect being healthy and active has on the body. There is a brief introduction to the main organs and the functions they provide. It's then time for the children to get their heart rates up. The players ask the pupils to carry out various physical moves including jogging on the spot, star jumps, spotty dogs for different amounts of time to see what effect that has on the heart rate. The pupils are taught about their pulse and how to measure it.

At this point the pupils are then split into groups and go around each of the remaining stations, giving them an opportunity to work with all players.





WATER

This station highlights the importance of water and is split into 2 parts. The first section educates children on the water cycle including the meaning of condensation, precipitation, transpiration and evaporation.

The second part looks at the effects of water on the body. Children are guided through answering questions on the following:

- The percentage of water in the muscles, brain, bones and blood
- How water supports the brain
- How water regulates the body's temperature
- How long the body can survive without water
- How water helps the body absorb nutrients
- How water cushions the joints and vital organs

The final fun task is a wordsearch that can be done during the session or at home.

BASKETBALL

The second physical activity is basketball and in most cases gives the children their first introduction to the sport.

A few basic skills of basketball including dribbling and passing are taught but the main emphasis is on the session being fun with games and competitions.

The emphasis of the activity is to show that you can play basketball no matter if you are a boy or a girl, tall or small and the importance of being a team player.

STAGE 1 - ROADSHOWS (CONT.)

THIS IS ME

Mental health continues to be a topic that is prominent in the news and in some cases the effects of COVID has exasperated this ongoing health problem.

During COVID children had to deal with being isolated from school friends and family and even on returning to school would have faced strict COVID regulations.

The purpose of this station is to help children to realise that they should proud of what they achieve and that they shouldn't be made to feel different depending on their gender, look, religious beliefs, etc.

The first task the pupils have to identify things they are good at, things they are confident at and things they are happy with. The players give examples to try and help show children that no matter how big or small there are always things they should be proud of.

The second task focuses on what you would say to someone to keep them positive.

The station encourages children to be nice to each other and to encourage and celebrate others achievements.

ROUND UP

All children are brought back together at the end of the station rotation. Those that have stood out throughout the afternoon and received the most stickers receive Eagles merchandise prizes.

One final competition takes place testing the pupils reaction skills whilst playing the clap game. The winning pupil receives a family ticket to an Eagles game.

The children all go home with a golden ticket to an Eagles game and their booklet they have been working through with activities to do at home:

- Water wordsearch (if not completed in the classroom)
- Home Bootcamp – think of a list of activities you can do at home
- Eagles wordsearch
- T-shirt competition

The booklet also shows how the children can sign up to their local basketball club.

STAGE 2 - COACHING

This stage of the programme is for year 5 pupils only and is delivered by a community coach or specialist officer.

Each school receives 4 hours of coaching across 2 afternoons during the school curriculum. The coaching gives the children a further insight into playing basketball so that they are prepared and more confident when taking part in the area tournament (stage 3).

Basketball is a great sport to be able to work on the core skills of catching, passing, jumping and changing direction. It also requires the children to work on their hand and eye coordination.

The coach will work on the key basketball skills that will enable the children to play basketball; dribbling, passing, footwork and shooting. The basic rules of double dribble, travelling, contact and court boundaries are introduced.

At the end of the coaching session the children get the chance to put together all of the skills they have learnt and play the actual game of basketball. Being a team sport, basketball is able to promote the importance of teamwork and communication.



STAGE 3 - TOURNAMENTS

OVERVIEW

The tournament days are a great opportunity for children to enjoy a full day of activity and get to play against other schools in a fun but safe environment. The skills that they have been taught come to fruition as schools compete in pool rounds. With the number of children playing the sport across the day there is a real buzz to the day.

The tournaments all take place at the Vertu Motors Arena except for Sunderland (Sunderland University City Space) and Northumberland (Ashington Leisure Centre). The Vertu Motors Arena is perfect for these large scale events as the purpose built venue allows for up to 6 games to take place at any one time.

As the schools arrive they receive a fixture list for the day. Each school is placed into pools where they will play against each of the schools within their pool. As the pool stages come to an end in the early afternoon the knockout games then start to take place. The tournament concludes with 4 top teams being invited to the next round.

The day is heavily focused on good sportsmanship and teamwork. To ensure that all those on the team get to take part there is a rule that there must be at least 2 girls on a court from each team at any one time.

TEAM TOTALS

SCHOOL	
Gateshead	30
Newcastle	25
North Tyneside	26
South Tyneside	17
Sunderland	12
Northumberland	19
TOTAL	**129**

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

Gateshead

- Number of teams: 30
- Number of young people: 255
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Crookhill Primary
  - Glynwood Prima
  - St. Peter's RCVA
  - Kelvin Grove

Newcastle

- Number of teams: 25
- Number of young people: 246
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - St. Alban's Primary
  - St. Teresa's Primary
  - Gosforth Junior High
  - Gosforth Central Middle



STAGE 3 - TOURNAMENTS (CONT.)

REGION BREAKDOWN

North Tyneside

- Number of teams: 26
- Number of young people: 210
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - New York Primary
  - Stephenson Memorial Primary
  - Valley Gardens Middle
  - Wellfield Middle

Northumberland

- Number of teams: 19
- Number of young people: 190
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Corbridge Middle
  - Ponteland
  - Darras Hall
  - Richard Coates

South Tyneside

- Number of teams: 17
- Number of young people: 144
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Biddick Hall Juniors
  - Forest View Primary
  - Stanhope Primary
  - St. Bede's Primary

Sunderland

- Number of teams: 12
- Number of young people: 88
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Barnes Junior x 2 teams
  - Seaburn Dene Primary
  - St. Cuthbert's Primary

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS: 129

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE: 1,133

STAGE 4 - YEAR 5 TOURNAMENT FINALS

With the stage 3 tournaments completed, the four top teams to represent their council are invited to take part in a finals night at the home game of the Newcastle Eagles BBL team at Vertu Motors Arena. This is a great opportunity for the youngsters as they get to showcase their skills on the actual court that the team play on.

To make it a special night the schools are given 50 tickets so that the children can have friends and family come to support them and enjoy the atmosphere of a packed out arena. You can always tell when there is a finals in the house as the noise generated by the children is electric.

Before the public have access to the building the 2 semi finals take place. This decides which 2 teams will battle it out for the trophy. At the half-time point of the Newcastle Eagles game, the 2 finalists take to the court in their final game to decide who will be crowned champion. Once the game has finished, joint 3rd place of presented with bronze medals, 2nd place with silver medals and the champions with gold medals and a trophy.

2021-22 REGIONAL WINNERS

GATESHEAD	Crookhill Primary
NEWCASTLE	St. Teresa's Primary
NORTH TYNESIDE	Wellfield Middle
SOUTH TYNESIDE	St. Bede's Primary
SUNDERLAND	St. Cuthbert's Primary

STAGE 5 - CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

This stage of the tournament was deferred until the start of the 2022-23 season and will see up six winning teams return to the Vertu Motors Arena to see who will become the ultimate champion.



PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
STEM PROJECT PILOT

STEM

INTRODUCTION

REECE FOUNDATION

Leeds Community Foundation

Supported by the Reece Foundation and the Leeds Community Foundation, the Eagles Community Foundation (ECF) delivered a pilot STEM project.

STEM combines four learning disciplines, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics giving pupils the opportunity to problem solve, be creative and use critical analysis. The ECF used basketball has the vehicle to drive pupils learning.

The project was aimed at year 5 and 6 pupils and was delivered by the ECF Primary Specialist and WBBL players. It was important for his to have the WBBL players engage with delivery to inspire the pupils and also to break down any misconceptions that women are not able to have a career in any of the STEM subjects.

Pupils were shown how the basketball shoe has evolved since the early 80s to the present day. The engineering and design of the sports shoe has massively changed and the pupils were giving the opportunity to get creative in designing a sports shoe for the future.

Technology is widely used across the sport from analysis equipment on an Eagles game night, to taking payments from products, to scanning tickets at the door. Those pupils who enjoy working with computers were able to see how they could have a career in a field they already enjoy.

As soon as the whistle goes in basketball a whole array of Mathematics begins. This includes the angle at which



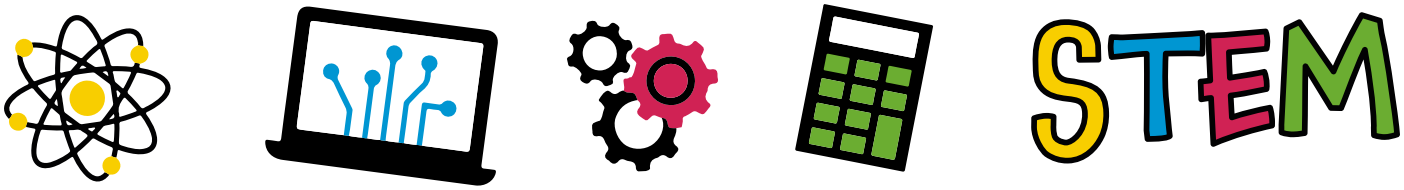




players take a shot, the angle of the court they are shooting from, percentage of shots made, percentage of passes made and so on. The statistical analysis of the game is so important, especially to coaches, and by teaching Mathematics through sport can make it more enjoyable and it some cases help pupils to understand the subject better.

An important clip of a NBA Data Analyst who was a female graduate from Serbia emphasised: "It doesn't matter where you have come from, if you work hard and show commitment, there can be no barriers in place."

When delivering project such as STEM it is important for us to ensure not only the pupils have enjoyed it and learnt something but also help pupils to make significant changes.



PROJECT PILOT FEEDBACK

The following feedback was received from a parent of a child that took part in the project pilot:

"My son has been mad about basketball from an early age. He watches it all the time online and plays it in the streets with all the children from the area in the local park.

"He has always enjoyed PE at school, but in other subjects he would be very nervous in the classroom when it came to answering questions and getting more involved in the lessons.

"His teachers have always been very supportive, but he has not shown much interest in lessons which include anything apart from sport and especially basketball.

"In June, Eagles coach Anthony came to the school and straight away noticed that my son had turned up in what was a complete Air Jordan tracksuit.

"He had found out that the Eagles were coming in and his teacher had said he could wear basketball clothes. Anthony noticed it immediately and really involved him in the lesson.

"My son came home and told me that they had done a full day of learning about the science of basketball and he told me everything that was involved. I had NEVER seen him be able to remember so much from school lessons as he had done this day! He was talking about how the Air Jordan shoes are made and how basketball shoes need to be different from other trainers.

"He was talking about how there had been a young lady from Serbia who had become an analyst working in the NBA. He said to me "if I don't end up playing in the NBA then I can do her job instead, she still gets paid a lot of money!".

"He showed me all the booklet as well and we talked about everything from the technology needed in the basketball games to the equipment and to how statistics are done. I honestly have never seen my boy so engaged in an activity or an academic subject as he was that night and for weeks afterwards.

"Even when we were practising in the park, my son would show me what Anthony had talked about in the lesson, about why the ball bounces and why gravity effects the shooting and lots of other things about the playing of the game.



"Anthony gave him a basketball at the end of the school day and told him to practice. He then a week later gave him a basketball kit from the local club, the Hoopstars, and told him he hoped he would go to training and if he did, he needs to wear the kit.

"The sessions that he went to made him love the game even more. He is now playing for the club every week, and he is now keen on statistics which I think is because of this day. Every week he would come home and he would write down how many shots he scored, how many passes, rebounds, and other things. We have used the session to really work on the mathematics and because he is talking about basketball, he doesn't get bored he stays interested in the subject.

"The one day in the school that Anthony was with my son's class, and everything since then, has made such a big difference to him. His teachers have said he is happier, more confident, and when they do basketball especially in PE is a really good leader who likes to help everybody else improve."

CLUB DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY CLUBS

The Eagles Community Foundation (ECF) run 11 junior club sites across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland. The sites provide structured club sessions for those players that have transitioned from our school outreach programme. We welcome all youngsters and young adults into the clubs no matter how much playing experience or exposure to the sport they have previously had. At each club site the coach(es) will work with the players to help them improve on their skill levels and get an understanding of the rules and the game of basketball. The players will be made aware of the player pathway and the officiating/coaching opportunities.

Although players will have the opportunity to have some competitive play at the club sessions it is important that they also have the opportunity to play against other clubs at their age group. The Eagles Central Venue League allows all players to have that competitive outlet with no need for trials to make the team. Teams are then split into divisions to make it competitive and ensure the players get the most out of competing. Being a part of a team encourages players to work as a team to achieve common goals. It also gives the players the experiencing of both winning and losing and how to deal with both situations.

Like with all sports the volunteers across the club sites are invaluable to what we do. The volunteers take on a whole list of duties ranging from coaching to fundraising allowing the head coaches to be able to just coach the players. The volunteers are made up of junior players, former players and parents.

The membership has grown again from last year with 7 of the clubs going beyond 100 members and Cardinal Hornets continuing to have over 200 members.

AGE GROUPS & MEMBERSHIP 2020-21

GATESHEAD

Cardinal Hornets	U6-U18	205
Whickham Royals	U8-U18	141
Ryton Rockets	U10-U18	50

NEWCASTLE

Gosforth Goliaths	U10-U18	129
Kenton Force	U12-U18	116
East Griffins	U10-U18	135
West Hoopstars	U10-U18	60

NORTHUMBERLAND

Cramlington Vikings	U10-U18	128

NORTH TYNESIDE

North Shields	U10-U18	139
Tyne Met Tigers	U12-U14	57

SOUTH TYNESIDE

South Tyneside	U8-U18	150





CASE STUDY
JACK BERTRAM
COMMUNITY COACH



In October 2019 Jack Bertram joined the Foundation on a Coach Core Apprenticeship Scheme.

The apprenticeship scheme allows learners to simultaneously earn money from working a real jo b whilst also getting education that will result in an industry recognised qualification. The apprenticeship was ran across a 30 hour week, with one full day kept for education.

When Jack's apprenticeship ended, he had made such a great impression with his enthusiasm and work ethic that we were pleased to offer him a full-time community coach role in the foundation in September.

Jack's first real responsibility was taking over the North Shields Basketball Club which has continued to grow under his guidance.

Why were you interested in the apprenticeship?

I had seen a few Newcastle Eagles games and played a bit of school basketball. I was doing PE in 6th from and knew that I wanted to have a career in sport. The Eagles seemed like a great organisation to be involved with so when the opportunity arose to do an apprenticeship with the foundation I jumped at the chance.

How did you feel when the Foundation offered you a full-time contract at the end of your apprenticeship?

It was a mixture of feelings from being relieved, to shocked, to surprised. It was a very good day, I was buzzing! I was hoping that I would be kept on as I had really enjoyed my apprenticeship and wanted this to be the start of my career.

What are you aspirations?

I want to continue to learn and develop in my current role and then hopefully within the next few years I step into a specialist role. I don't have any plans in leaving the area and would like to think that I continue working for the foundation long term.

Do you have any advice for those that might be thinking about doing something similar to what you have done?

I would recommend that anybody looking to do any kind of sports coaching to go through the apprenticeship that I did. I felt that this gave me a good all round knowledge of coaching that prepared me when delivering for the Foundation. Being a coach might involve working unsociable hours at times but is so rewarding. Seeing a player achieve something that they have been working on from making a basket to running a play is something that you wouldn't get just sat in an office. It might feel quite daunting at first but this industry definitely allows you to develop confidence so this shouldn't be a barrier.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE
EAGLES CENTRAL VENUE LEAGUE



The Eagles Central Venue League (CVL) is a development league giving all ECF club players the opportunity to play the game competitively. The league operates a policy that if you want to play then you are on a team and is not determined by players having to attend any trials. To allow new teams to enter and for the league to have the ability to expand, it is split into two blocks across the season. On a Saturday the U12s, U14s, U16s and U18s compete across the whole day at the arena followed by a Sunday with the U8s and U10s.

The Saturday league runs full court 5 v 5 games at a full height basket with both boys and girls competing. Each game is played with a running clock to ensure that all fixtures can be played. Each of the teams have a coach to help support and encourage the players.

The U10s league is played across court and the hoops are lowered to 8ft. Instead of 5v5 this age group plays 4v4 games. Although the scores are recorded throughout the game no league tables are kept as the main emphasis is getting the players use to playing competitive games and learning the rules of the game. The games are shortened and the teams can be mixed gender.

With all the COVID restrictions and guidelines removed this allowed the season to as normal and so a massive jump in the number of teams competing.

BLOCK 1 COMPETING TEAMS

UNDER 12

Cardinal Hornets (3 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (2 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (2 teams)
Kenton Force (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (1 team)
Ryton Rockets (1 team)
STBC (2 teams)
Whickham Royals (1 team)

UNDER 14

Cardinal Hornets (5 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (2 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (2 teams)
Kenton Force (1 team)
Morpeth (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (2 teams)
Ryton Rockets (2 teams)
STBC (2 teams)
Whickham Royals (1 team)

UNDER 16

Cardinal Hornets (3 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (1 team)
Gosforth Goliaths (1 team)
Kenton Force (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
Morpeth (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (1 team)
Ryton Rockets (1 team)
STBC (2 teams)
Whickham Royals (1 team)

UNDER 18

Cramlington Vikings (1 team)
Kenton Force (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (1 team)
Oxclose (1 team)
STBC (1 team)
Whickham Royals (1 team)

TOTAL NUMBER OF BLOCK 1 TEAMS 53

BLOCK 2 COMPETING TEAMS

The second block saw a jump again in the number of teams making it a record number of teams taking part. There was also an additional non ECF club, Lambton Street, joining the league. Boroughmuir Blaze from Scotland were also invited to play in invitational games along with 2 of the Academy teams.

UNDER 12

Cardinal Hornets (4 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (2 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (2 teams)
Kenton Force (2 teams)
Lambton Street (1 team)
NEG (2 teams)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (2 teams)
North Shields (1 team)
Ryton Rockets (1 team)
STBC (2 teams)
Tyne Met Tigers (1 team)
Whickham Royals (2 teams)

UNDER 14

Cardinal Hornets (4 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (2 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (3 teams)
Kenton Force (3 teams)
Lambton Street (1 team)
Morpeth (1 team)
NEG (3 teams)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (3 teams)
North Shields (2 teams)
Ryton Rockets (1 team)
STBC (2 teams)
Tyne Met (1 team)
Whickham Royals (2 teams)





UNDER 16

Cardinal Hornets (4 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (2 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (3 teams)
Kenton Force (3 teams)
Lambton Street (1 team)
Morpeth (1 team)
NEG (3 teams)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (3 teams)
North Shields (2 teams)
Ryton Rockets (1 team)
STBC (2 teams)
Tyne Met (1 team)
Whickham Royals (2 teams)

UNDER 18

Cramlington Vikings (1 team)
Kenton Force (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (1 team)
North Shields (1 team)
Oxclose (1 team)
STBC (1 team)
Whickham Royals (1 team)

TOTAL NUMBER OF BLOCK 2 TEAMS (U12-U18) 76



BLOCK 2 COMPETING TEAMS (CONT.)

UNDER 10

Cardinal Hornets (7 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (6 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (3 teams)
Kenton Force (3 teams)
NEG (3 teams)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (4 teams)
North Shields (4 teams)
Ryton Rockets (1 team)
STBC (5 teams)
Tyne Met Tigers (3 teams)
Whickham Royals (8 teams)

TOTAL NUMBER OF BLOCK 2 TEAMS (U10) 47

With the increase in teams and the expansion of the league this has resulted in needing to recruit more officials and coaches.

The ECF are invested in giving players and parents the opportunity to gain officiating awards in both table and refereeing. Those that gain their award are then employed by the foundation including people as young as 14.

Gaining officiating awards allows people to gain experience and thus confidence in working across all age groups.

The coaching pathway is really important to us as a foundation as it ensures that we have a pool of coaches to be able to deliver in both clubs and across the outreach programme.

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS COMPETING 123







CASE STUDY
ZOE TUCKER
FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER



Zoe Tucker has been volunteering at the Foundation for over 6 years and got her first taste of volunteering at Cardinal Hornets basketball club. This included keeping registers, Nest administration, updating the club Facebook page, dealing with parent queries, organising awards nights, administering tickets amongst a whole range of other things.

During COVID, Zoe helped to ensure the safe movement around the arena of junior players on their return to play. Zoe's friendly manner ensured that the return to play wasn't as daunting for players with not being able to have their parents present at their games.

This season saw Zoe take on the role of Team Manager for the U14 Academy Boys team. This role included liaising with parents of the players to confirm training times, game times, etc, organising kits, travelling to away games and ensuring a tidy bus on the return! This invaluable role allows the coaching staff to be able to concentrate on the on court side of the game knowing that all off court duties are in hand.

U14 Boys Academy Head Coach, Chloe Gaynor, "Zoe undoubtedly contributed to the great success the team had from helping us create a great family environment off the court that translated on to the court. Zoe helped the kid's performance and growth not only as basketball players but also as individuals. I am very grateful for all of her help throughout the season."

From shaking buckets to baking cakes Zoe has done it all and we are so grateful to the time she has invested in supporting the work we do at the foundation.

ELITE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY
NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

The Newcastle Eagles Academy gives junior players the chance to play in the highest leagues competing in the Basketball England National League.

Players are selected for the squads after going through different rounds of trials. Each team selects 12 squad players and 3 training players. The teams that compete against teams up and down the country, playing home and away games. At the end of the league the top teams then proceed into the play-offs.

The pandemic had a great affect on the National League programme and players were eager to start playing again in the competitive league and what a season it has been. All 3 teams finished 3rd in their respective divisions which has been a huge milestone achievement for the performance programme. This season saw teams competing at U14 boys, U16 boys and U14 girls.

UNDER 14 GIRLS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISON

Head Coach: Ellen Totton

The opening game of the season took the Eagles by surprise as they suffered a hefty defeat against Manchester Mystics 117 to 21. The only other 3 games that the team lost were again against Manchester Mystics and then the remaining 2 losses coming against their counterparts, Manchester Mystics II.

Throughout the season the team went on a 3 game winning streak on 4 separate occasions. The Manchester teams put big wins against the Eagles but the Eagles were also able to get big wins themselves. The first 3 wins of the season had the Eagles beating the Manchester Mystics III by 49 points, City of Leeds by 54 points and then Liverpool by 63 points.





These huge wins were consistent throughout the season with only one tight game against Sheffield Hatters. The Eagles went into the 2nd half behind the Hatters but a strong 3rd and 4th quarter saw them scrape a 60 – 59 win.

The strong 3rd finish also saw another Eagles team heading to the play-offs. Unfortunately for the Eagles, they were drawn against their nemesis team Manchester Mystics II on the road. Again the Mystics proved too strong an opposition as they took a 40 point win against the Eagles ending their play-off hopes in the first round.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Manchester Mystics	18	0	54
2	Manchester Mystics II	16	2	50
3	**Newcastle Eagles**	**12**	**4**	**40**
4	Sheffield Hatters	11	7	40
5	Encon Derbyshire Arrows	8	9	33
6	Liverpool	6	12	30
7	Cheshire Wire	5	11	26
8	Lancashire Spinners	4	14	26
9	City of Leeds	4	14	26
10	Manchester Mystics III	3	14	23



UNDER 14 GIRLS



UNDER 14 BOYS



UNDER 16 BOYS

UNDER 14 BOYS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION

Head Coach: Chloe Gaynor

After finishing 4th in the league before the National League was shut down due to the pandemic, the U14 boys were determined to capitalise on the success they had. WBBL player, Chloe Gaynor, took the reins of the team in her first season as an academy head coach.



The first game against City of Birmingham saw both teams going into the 2nd half tied but Birmingham pulled away to take the 10 point win. The second game saw a much stronger performance against City of Leeds. After a steady first quarter the team shone in the rest of the 3 quarters dominating 25 – 5, 25 – 10 and 32 – 11.

Although the Eagles were unable to get a good run of wins under their belt they stayed fairly consistent and had some huge wins; Eagles 92 – 43 Leicester and Eagles 79 – 33 Leeds.

With 7 wins and 5 losses the Eagles finished 3rd in the league and headed into the play-offs with a home draw against Lewisham Thunder. Although the Eagles were outscored in the 4th quarter they had built up a strong enough lead taking them into the quarter finals. With an away draw against Baltic Stars this was already a huge achievement for the boys. Unfortunately, Baltic Stars took a commanding lead right from the offset and ended the run for the Eagles.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Manchester Magic	11	1	34
2	Team Birmingham Elite	10	2	32
3	**Newcastle Eagles**	**7**	**5**	**26**
4	City of Birmingham Rockets	7	5	26
5	York Eagles	5	7	22
6	City of Leeds Gold	2	10	16
7	Leicester Riders	0	12	12

UNDER 16 BOYS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISON

Head Coach: Calvin George

The U16 boys team also had a successful season and at one point went on a 7 game winning streak. Finishing with 12 wins and 4 losses the academy team recorded some huge wins across the season. Their first massive win was against Cheshire Phoenix I netting 107 points against Cheshire's 28 points. They kept Cheshire to 2 points in both the 1st and 4th quarters.

The huge wins continued to come as they defeated City of Leeds 82 – 31. Similar to the Cheshire game the Eagles kept City of Leeds to 5 points in both the 1st and 4th quarters.

Cheshire Phoenix again succumb to the might of the Eagles team, this time the Eagles taking a 119 – 41 win. In the 3rd quarter the Eagles scored 37 points.

Birmingham Team Elite also went down to the Newcastle Eagles suffering a 38 point defeat.

The Eagles didn't always have blow out games as they scraped a win against Leicester Riders 95 – 92.

After a successful league campaign the Newcastle Eagles got an away draw in the play-offs against Sussex Bears. After a long journey south the Eagles took an slim early lead after the first quarter. The third quarter they only dropped a point and the final quarter had the teams evenly matched. Unfortunately the damage was done in the second quarter. The deficit was never recovered and that saw the end of the play-off journey.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Manchester Magic	16	0	48
2	Manchester Giants	15	1	46
3	**Newcastle Eagles**	**12**	**4**	**40**
4	Trafford Magic	10	6	36
5	City of Birmingham Rockets	9	7	34
6	Derby Trailblazers	9	7	34
7	City of Edinburgh	7	9	30
8	Northamptonshire Titans	6	10	28
9	Team Birmingham Elite	5	11	26
10	Leicester Riders	5	11	26
11	City of Leeds	2	14	20
12	Cheshire Phoenix I	0	16	15







FURTHER EDUCATION
DISE & EABL

Head Coach: Jack Burgess

The DiSE (Diploma in Sporting Excellence) and EABL (Elite Academy Basketball League) programmes sit at the top of the junior performance pathway.

The league is a junior basketball competition ran in partnership with AoC Sport and Basketball England, across England, that features 17 teams that are split into two conferences. These 17 teams all feature in the top U19 programmes across the country. At the end of the league the qualifying teams then go into the play-offs.

Running alongside the EABL, DiSE is a 2 year education programme for students aged 16 – 18 that have met the following criteria:

- British Passport (or working towards)
- Attended Basketball England Aspire programme
- In full time education in a state funded school

The DiSE programme allows student athletes to gain 64 UCAS points and is a unique sporting qualification. The players on this programme have all exhibited the potential to achieve excellence within the sport. Each student athlete will study:

- Technical & Tactical Skills
- Physical Capabilities
- Psychological Skills
- Nutrition
- Lifestyle
- How to communicate effectively
- Developing own career
- Health & Safety

The Eagles EABL team had a hard-fought season both at home and on the road but they saved their best to last overcoming Manchester in the final home game of the season in front of a packed balcony of supporters. The atmosphere was electric and it was a great team effort.

Away from the EABL there were some other successes for some of the players on the team. Both Joe Sheeran and Leo Lepperier both attend Basketball England U17 trials.

Five EABL players were also called-up to the BBL team late in the season giving Leo Lepperier, Chris Baxter-Jones, Freddy Kepngang, Seb Sloane and Joe Sheeran their first taste of playing at the highest level of British Basketball..





TRIBUTE
MALCOLM DIX
FOUNDATION TRUSTEE



On Wednesday 10th November, the Eagles family were saddened to hear that Foundation trustee, Malcolm Dix, passed away at the age of 79.

Malcolm was a trustee of the foundation since 2006 and will always be remembered for the beaming smile he had that would light up a room.

Malcolm brought an incredible depth of knowledge to the Foundation as the following roles he had other the years will show:

- Newcastle United Vice Life President
- One of the founding members of the Magpie Group with Sir John Hall
- Chairman of the Newcastle Supporters Association
- Chairman of Newcastle Sports Council which is now known as Sport Newcastle which Malcolm later served as President
- Chairman of the Tyne Theatre and Opera House Trust
- At former Gosforth rugby club roles included Chair of Commercial Committee, Tour Chairman, Match Secretary and a member of the General Committee and Social Committee. When the club moved to Kingston Park, Malcolm became Chairman of Newcastle Gosforth

Although Malcolm's main passion was with Newcastle United Football Club, his love for all sports across the city was evident and he was proud to call Newcastle his home.

Malcolm's funeral was held at the Barracks Suite in St. James Park which was the most fitting tribute to a man who was black and white through and through. Family, friends and colleagues gathered as Malcolm was brought in to his second home to the Busker song "I'm Coming Home Newcastle."

To say that Malcolm has left a mark on the city is an understatement and his legacy and memory will continue to live on and we are proud to say that he was and always will be a part of the Eagles family.



BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
NEWCASTLE EAGLES

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
2	Wesley	Person Jr	6'3"	Point Guard
4	Themba	Yabantu	5'10"	Point Guard
6	Corey	Johnson	6'5"	Small Forward
8	Sam	Mamuni	6'0"	Shooting Guard
9	Sauveur	Kande	6'4"	Guard
12	Louis	Sayers	6'6"	Small Forward
13	Darius	Defoe	6'9"	Power Forward
22	Brandon	Peel	6'7"	Power Forward
24	Justin	Gordon	6'6"	Forward
26	Daniel	Johnson-Thompson	6'8"	Power Forward
32	Kyle	Williams	6'4"	Shooting Guard
44	Rahmon	Fletcher	5'10"	Point Guard

WOMEN'S BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
NEWCASTLE EAGLES

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
0	Dora	Cipcic	5'11"	Foward
3	Chloe	Gaynor	6'2"	Center
4	Maddy	Mcvicar	5'5"	Guard
5	Marina	Fernandez	5'11"	Guard
8	Rachael	Bland	5'8"	Guard
12	Gerda	Morkunaite	5'5"	Guard
13	Leila	Benyahia	5'6"	Shooting Guard
16	Mollie	Arnold	5'8"	Guard
17	Ruth	Thornley	5'9"	Guard
25	Layne	Murphy	6'1"	Forward

BBL & WBBL CLUB HISTORY

SEASON	DIV	POS	PLD	W	L	PTS	PLAY OFFS	TROPHY	CUP
1996–1997	BBL	7th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	1st Round	Semi-final
1997–1998	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Quarter-final	Semi-final	4th Round
1998–1999	BBL	5th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
1999–2000	BBL N	6th	36	10	26	10	DNQ	Quarter-final	1st Round
2000–2001	BBL N	3rd	36	20	16	40	1st Round	Runner-up	Quarter-final
2001–2002	BBL N	3rd	32	17	15	34	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2002–2003	BBL	5th	40	25	15	50	Semi-final	Semi-final	Quarter-final
2003–2004	BBL	6th	36	18	18	36	Quarter-final	1st Round	Quarter-final
2004–2005	BBL	2nd	40	31	9	62	Winners	Winners	Semi-final
2005–2006	BBL	1st	40	30	10	60	Winners	Winners	Winners
2006–2007	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Winners	Runner-up	Semi-final
2007–2008	BBL	1st	33	29	4	58	Semi-final	Runner-up	Runner-up
2008–2009	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Winners	Winners	Runner-up
2009–2010	BBL	1st	36	31	5	62	Semi-final	Winners	Quarter-final
2010–2011	BBL	2nd	33	24	9	48	Semi-final	Semi-final	Semi-final
2011–2012	BBL	1st	30	23	7	46	Winners	Winners	Winners
2012–2013	BBL	2nd	33	25	8	50	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2013–2014	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2014–2015	BBL	1st	36	31	5	58	Winners	Winners	Winners
2015–2016	BBL	2nd	33	28	5	56	1st Round	Runner-up	Winners
2016–2017	BBL	2nd	33	23	10	46	Runner-up	Quarter final	Winners
2017–2018	BBL	3rd	33	22	11	44	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2018–2019	BBL	3rd	33	21	12	42	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
	WBBL	7th	22	10	12	20	Quarter-final	Group Stages	Quarter-final
2019–2020	BBL	Season cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic						Winners	Quarter-final
	WBBL	Season cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic						1st-Round	Semi-final
2020–2021	BBL	4th	30	18	12	36	Winners	Quarter-final	Winners
	WBBL	7th	20	7	13	14	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Group Stages
2021–2022	BBL	9th	27	10	17	20	DNQ	1st-Round	Group Stages
	WBBL	10th	24	11	13	14	DNQ	1st-Round	Runner-up



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(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 July 2022

Charity number : 1112997
Company number : 05400969

Eagles Community Foundation

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Annual highlights 2021/22

The past twelve months has witnessed the largest demand for our services with the highest recorded membership jumping from 1,250 in July 2021 to 1,955 in July 2022. The post pandemic return to life has enabled the Foundation to respond by increasing sessions, developing girls only sessions, growing the junior league number of teams to the largest in its history and developing the pool of coaches, officials, referees and volunteers. To enable this growth it has taken quite an investment within the Foundation to help future proof delivery for the coming years.

The Foundation team responded to new challenges with the return to events with full capacity spectators in the building whilst continuing to deliver the NHS vaccination programme to our local community with hosting Newcastle GP Services. This highlighted the importance of balancing a schedule to uphold quality delivery within each decision taken.

The senior management team have had to respond to the changing environment with return to school delivery, community needs of the building, ensuring a safe environment for all at events and day to day activities along with ensuring all members of staff were supported. The team ensured a safe return to school delivery of the Hoops4Health programme, school coaching plus the development of the STEM programme linked to the women's senior team.

Although outreach delivery experienced high demand from the beginning of the financial year the event calendar continued to be affected by the pandemic. It took until March 2022 until the return of meetings and conferences took place on a regular basis negatively impacting the financial income expectations for the year. However, since March 2022 the demand for the arena has recovered to post pandemic needs.

In reflection the twelve months have been incredibly demanding upon the Foundation, the return to normal business with full loan repayments restarting, outreach demand exceeding expectations, arena events taking time to recover, support needed to return everyone to normal operations along with full arena spectated events. It has been a time for growth, development and reflection to re- establishing the Foundations core activities.

Paul Blake **26th May 2023**

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The organisation is a Public Benefit Entity within the definitions of FRS 102.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The aims of our services

- to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing basketball
- to provide facilities for sport and recreation for people who need such facilities
- to advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees see fit.

The trustees are satisfied that in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines, Eagles Community Foundation meet the public benefit requirements. The trustees have regard to this guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

A review of our achievements and performance

A key achievement during the financial year witnessed the successful development of junior basketball clubs and competition membership. The majority of the outreach club sites became full, with waiting lists for those wishing to join, leading to the senior management team needing to expand provision. The addition of girls only sessions at the arena empowered the WBBL teams to engage with the junior players and provide skilled, fun and engaging sessions. The membership growth reached 1,955 young people taking part in weekly Foundation activities, compared to 1,250 twelve months prior.

The membership growth directly impacted our junior league as it increased from 70 to 123 teams participating at the arena on weekends. This resulted in expanding hours and days for the delivery of the league across both Saturday and Sundays and the need to grow the delivery workforce to run the league.

Hoops4Health in person delivery restarted post pandemic with players from both the BBL and WBBL teams involved. The programme started late due to schools needing time to reintroduce visitors whilst keeping an eye on covid-19 infection rates and ensuring players and young people's health. All six local council schools took part in the programme with roadshows, coaching, tournaments and finals taking place across the academic year. In total the programme reached fifty per cent of pre pandemic numbers which was deemed appropriate first year post lockdown delivery.

In school coaching returned with the outreach team back to delivery. At times the school year was affected due to covid-19 infections as both schools and the foundation mitigated risks. However, the relationships with the schools continued to flourish with demand exceeding supply. As such this is a plan for future potential growth for the following year.

A review of our achievements and performance (*continued*)

The arena continued to support the NGPS vaccination delivery programme until the end of December 2021. It was a privilege to work alongside the NHS and play a part in benefiting our local community as we continued to help re-established post vaccination life.

Events returned with full capacity spectators; including supporting the men's GB team in the European Championship qualifiers, Wasserman boxing, Karbon Homes, GB Masters, Northern Football League to name a few. The arena schedule is returning to pre covid levels and it is anticipated to surpass next financial year as we build relationships with key event promoters.

The smaller events schedule was slow at the beginning of the year as meetings remained online with companies continuing the practice of staff working from home. However, the final third of the financial year did see the return of companies and community groups to the arena suite and rooms returning to pre pandemic levels.

Our relationship with Newcastle College continued to develop which included supporting the college summer graduation based at the arena, exams both in the winter and summer and the return to a full academic in person teaching year. The senior management's teams for both the College and Foundation continue to develop the partnership to benefit our local community.

A major factor of the financial year has been the major loan repayments restarting following a holiday period during lockdown. All three major loans spanned the whole twelve months, when compared to the events schedule and outreach programme not returning in full it has been difficult to navigate. However, the schedule for the following year is already rebuilding the business plan with no post pandemic affects being witnessed.

The STEM programme continued to grow from the initial pilot with 20 schools benefiting from delivery at the arena. As the key WBBL delivery programme and direct contact with schools the decision was made to offer girls only basketball sessions. This has engaged WBBL players in the delivery, modelling and structuring of the women's and girls' game both within the foundation and club. It is expected the following year will build upon with momentum with increased number of STEM schools and girls only sessions available.

The Foundation has invested in both kitchen and food display equipment to enable a more productive environment for both the Foundation and customer on events especially with the BBL attendance regularly achieving sell-out crowds. This has seen a return on investment with a strong offering established within the arena for events.

Plans for the future

The Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team are driving a Business Plan with key strategic priorities which include:

Outreach
The Foundation is committed in continuing to cater for its service demand and build upon the delivery to protect quality. This will see the introduction of a new post within outreach with a dedicated manager overseeing all programmes. This new post will be charged with providing a quality pathway for players, extending female opportunities, linking to partners and sponsors whilst engaging and ensuring mentoring for the next generations of coaches, referees, officials, administrators, managers and volunteers.

Plans for the future (*continued*)

Arena
The arena event portfolio has already engaged major promoters within the industry as events have returned to normal along with local companies, amateur sports clubs, education deliverers and fellow charities. The Foundation is committed to ensuring access to facilities to benefit local people, and therefore commit to major events on a case by case basis whilst upholding access for charitable means for a minimum 80% of its opening time.

Financial review

The accounts show net incoming resources for the year amounting to £49,022 (2021: £46,853). There is a surplus on unrestricted funding of £44,237 (2021 – £27,196) and a surplus on restricted funding of £4,785 (2021 – £19,657).

Risk Management

Risks to the charity have been identified and reviewed on an ongoing basis, and appropriate action taken. This has included ensuring appropriate insurance cover, identifying physical risks such as uneven surfaces, reviewing fire safety systems and training staff, ensuring staff have first aid training, and undertaking a general health and safety risk assessment throughout our premises.

Reserves policy

The trustees have a target to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of total charitable expenditure. At this level of unrestricted reserves, the charity could maintain all operations for three months even if no income was being generated. Free reserves were in deficit at the year-end following the completion of the arena.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 22 March 2005. It registered with the Charity Commission on 15 February 2006. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association as amended by special Resolution dated 26 October 2005 which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity.

All new trustees receive a trustee welcome pack, which contains key policies, strategic plans, code of conduct etc. They also receive induction time with the Chief Executive and opportunities to visit services and activities as well as access to any relevant training.

Structure, governance and management (*continued*)

The Management Committee at 31st July 2022 was made up of 8 trustees. The Management Committee meet on a quarterly basis and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A line management system is in place with day to day responsibility for the management of the organisation resting with the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. Day to day operational management is headed by individual team members using the reporting structures and line management to finally report to the Chief Executive and trustees.

Going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. The trustees consider the uncertainty arising from the Covid-19 pandemic reported in previous years financial statements have been mitigated. As such, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis of accounting.

Reference and administrative information

Trustees

Paul Blake
Eric Wilson
Jeffrey King
Su Cumming
David Forrester
Alan Younger
Stephen Savage
Rob Page
Walter Dix (died 10 November 2021)

Chief Executive

Samantha Blake

Principal address

Vertu Motors Arena, Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AF

Auditor

Stephenson Coates Audit Limited, West 2 Asama Court, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YD

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Management Committee and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors
In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- There is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the auditor is unaware; and
- The trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

P Blake - Chair 26th May 2023

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Eagles Community Foundation
Year ended 31 July 2022

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eagles Community Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 July 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees' with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Other information (*continued*)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the charity itself and the industry in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the directors and other management. The most significant identified that directly affect the financial statements include financial reporting legislation (including related companies' legislation), the Charities Act 2011 and UK taxation legislation. The company is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: Health and Safety, Employment Law and Data Protection regulations, recognising the nature of the company's activities.

We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

- making enquiries of trustees' and management as to where they consider there to be susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- assessing the design effectiveness of the controls in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- assessing the risk of management override, including identifying and testing journal entries;
- challenging the assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.

Our audit did not identify any key audit matters relating to the detection of irregularities including fraud. However, despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

John Oswald
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26th May 2023

Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 July 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	*Total Funds 2021*
		£	£	£	*£*
Income					
Donations	**2**	**27,937**	**-**	**27,937**	*25,475*
Grants	**3**	**24,685**	**46,532**	**71,217**	*346,601*
Activities for generating funds	**4**	**614,638**	**-**	**614,638**	348,758
Charitable activities	**5**	**385,514**	**28,305**	**413,819**	*153,716*
Other	**6**	**101,928**	**-**	**101,928**	*99,614*
Total income		**1,154,702**	**74,837**	**1,229,539**	*974,164*
Expenditure on:					
Direct costs		**918,128**		**918,128**	*113,466*
Charitable activities		**192,337**	**70,052**	**262,389**	*813,845*
Total expenditure	**7**	**1,110,465**	**70,052**	**1,180,517**	*927,311*
Net income		**44,237**	**4,785**	**49,022**	*46,853*
Transfers between funds		**-**	**-**	**-**	*-*
Net movement in funds		**44,237**	**4,785**	**49,022**	*46,853*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**3,548,260**	**112,837**	**3,661,097**	*3,614,244*
Total funds carried forward		**3,592,497**	**117,622**	**3,710,119**	*3,661,097*

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Eagles Community Foundation
Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2022
Company number: 05400969
Charity number: 1112997

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	*2021* *£*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		**6,845,267**		*6,884,061*
Investments	**10**		**1**		*1*
Total fixed assets			**6,845,268**		**6,884,062**
Current assets					
Debtors	**11**	**165,046**		*43,011*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**365,459**		*549,681*	
Total current assets		**530,505**		*592,692*	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**12**	**518,279**		*556,066*	
Net current assets			**12,226**		36,626
Total net assets			**6,857,494**		*6,920,688*
Creditors: amounts falling due beyond one year	**13**		**3,147,375**		*3,259,591*
			3,710,119		*3,661,097*
The funds of the charity					
Restricted funds			**117,622**		*112,837*
Unrestricted funds			**3,592,497**		*3,548,260*
Total charity funds	**14**		**3,710,119**		*3,661,097*

Approved by the Management Committee on 26th May 2023 and signed on its behalf by

P Blake
Chair

Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended 31 July 2022

	2022	*2021*
	£	*£*
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	**49,022**	*46,853*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	**56,709**	*65,789*
Changes in:		
Trade and other debtors	**(122,035)**	*22,547*
Trade and other creditors	**(37,787)**	346,904
Net cash from operating activities	**(54,091)**	*482,093*
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	**(17,915)**	(67,317)
Net cash used by investing activities	**(17,915)**	(67,317)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Borrowings	**-**	-
Repayment of borrowings	**(112,216)**	(13,517)
Interest paid	**-**	-
Net cash from financing activities	**(112,216)**	(13,517)
Change in cash balances in year	**(184,222)**	*401,259*
Bank and cash balances brought forward	**549,681**	*148,422*
Bank and cash balances carried forward	**365,459**	*549,681*

Analysis of net debt

	2022	**2021**
Cash and cash equivalents	365,459	549,681
Loans	(3,121,105)	(3,183,389)
Loan interest accrued	(263,063)	(303,896)
Hire purchase liabilities	(9,989)	(19,172)
	(3,213,512)	(2,956,776)

1. General information

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Vertu Motors Arena, Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AF.

2. Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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), (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

Basis of preparation

Eagles Community Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.
- Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the funder, donor or through the terms of an appeal.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, is accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

1. Accounting policies (*continued*)

Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised in the period it is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Expenditure on raising funds comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- Expenditure on charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Current assets
Amounts owing to the charity at 31 March are shown as debtors less provisions for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short term deposits represent cash held on deposit at the bank. Cash at bank and in hand represents bank balances at close of business on 31 March.

Creditors
Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Depreciation
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life:

Building	None	See below
Fixtures and fittings – Arena seating	4%	on cost
Fixtures and fittings – Other	15%	reducing balance
Computers	33%	on cost

The board have agreed that the building will serve its first 5 years without asset depreciation, given the build quality and ongoing maintenance levels experienced to date. Following this period the board have agreed to depreciate the building over a 50 year period.

Voluntary assistance
Time is expended on the charity's activities and governance which is donated free of charge. It is impractical to quantify the value of the time given; accordingly, it is recorded neither as donated income nor as an expense in the financial statements.

1. Accounting policies (*continued*)

Critical accounting estimates and judgements
Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

There are no critical judgements, significant assumptions concerning the future and key sources of estimation of uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

2. **Donations**

	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**2022**	*2021*
	£	**£**	**£**	*£*
Gift aid	5,036	-	**5,036**	*4,184*
Donations	22,901	-	**22,901**	*21,291*
	27,937	-	**27,937**	*25,475*

3. Grants

	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**2022**	*2021*
	£	**£**	**£**	*£*
Job retention scheme	9,807	-	**9,807**	*173,216*
Sport England	-	-	**-**	*50,000*
Warbutons	-	-	**-**	*3,000*
Reece Group	-	13,200	**13,200**	*6,000*
Make the East Lean/Change for Life	-	-	**-**	*17,399*
Other	-	-	**-**	*200*
Northumbria Healthcare Trust	-	2,220	**2,220**	-
Newcastle City Council	15,286	-	**15,286**	*72,000*
Hoops for Health	-	26,437	**26,437**	*18,000*
Streetgames	(408)	4,675	**4,267**	*4,546*
Basketball England	-	-	**-**	*2,240*
	24,685	46,532	**71,217**	*346,601*

4. **Activities for generating funds**

	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**2022**	*2021*
	£	**£**	**£**	*£*
Contribution to overheads from subsidiary	403,864	-	**403,864**	*318,434*
Gift aid from subsidiary	148,924	-	**148,924**	-
Coaching	61,850	-	**61,850**	*30,324*
	614,638	-	**614,638**	*348,758*

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	*2021 £*
Hoops for Health	-	27,680	**27,680**	*7,856*
League and clubs	358,292	-	**358,292**	*104,062*
School of Excellence	722	-	**722**	*8,465*
Education	26,500	625	**27,125**	*33,333*
	385,514	28,305	**413,819**	*153,716*

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	*2021 £*
Sponsorship income	100,000	-	**100,000**	*58,333*
Catering profit	-	-	**-**	*11,709*
Other	1,928	-	**1,928**	*29,572*
	101,928	-	**101,928**	*99,614*

7. Charitable expenditure

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	*2021 £*
Activity costs	86,245	-	**86,245**	*22,490*
Direct costs	106,092	70,052	**176,144**	*90,976*
Staff costs	402,577	-	**402,577**	*300,580*
Pension	7,960	-	**7,960**	*4,804*
Establishment costs	9,213	-	**9,213**	*146,918*
Office costs	8,602	-	**8,602**	*3,614*
Sundry	247	-	**247**	*573*
Depreciation	56,709	-	**56,709**	*65,789*
Arena costs	244,243	-	**244,243**	-
Governance				
Legal & professional fees	34,032	-	**34,052**	*7,643*
Audit	3,050	-	**3,050**	*3,288*
Accountancy	4,533	-	**4,533**	*3,106*
Bank charges	4,005	-	**4,005**	*3,796*
Interest	142,957	-	**142,957**	*260,267*
Impairment net assets		-	**-**	*13,467*
	1,110,465	70,052	**1,180,517**	*927,311*

8. **Staff costs and remuneration of key management**

	2022	*2021*
	£	*£*
Salaries	**520,575**	355,507
Social security	**24,629**	16,536
Other pension costs	**7,960**	7,155
	553,165	379,198

The average number of employees during the year was 60 (2021 – 32) with all employee time involved in providing either support to the governance of the charity or support services to charitable activities.

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees, chief executive officer and chief operating officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £105,363 (2021 - £69,295).

9. **Tangible fixed assets**

	Building	**Fixtures & Equipment**	**IT**	**Total**
Cost	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
At 1 August 2021	6,190,043	877,535	10,566	7,078,144
Additions	-	16,945	970	17,915
At 31 July 2022	**6,190,043**	**894,480**	**11,536**	**7,096,059**
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2021	-	185,326	8,757	194,083
Charge for year	-	55,378	1,331	56,709
At 31 July 2022	**-**	**240,704**	**10,088**	**250,792**
Net Book Value				
At 31 July 2022	**6,190,043**	**653,776**	**1,448**	**6,845,267**
At 31 July 2021	*6,190,043*	*692,209*	*1,809*	*6,884,061*

10. **Investments**

	2022	*2021*
	£	*£*
Eagles Community Arena Limited		
1 Ordinary share of £1 (note 19)	**1**	*1*

11. **Debtors**

	2022	*2021*
	£	*£*
Commercial debtors	**54,653**	5,901
Other debtors and prepayments	**17,108**	5,995
Amount owed by Eagles Community Arena Limited (note 19)	**93,285**	31,115
	165,046	*43,011*

12. **Creditors : amounts falling due in one year**

	2022	*2021*
	£	*£*
Loan	**62,284**	62,284
Hire purchase	**9,989**	10,073
Trade creditors	**93,898**	37,010
Taxation and social security	**22,451**	71,400
Other creditors	**8,968**	12,890
Deferred income	**41,667**	41,667
Accruals	**279,022**	320,742
	518,279	*556,066*

13. **Creditors : amounts falling due after one year**

	2022	*2021*
	£	*£*
Loan - within 1 to 2 years	**62,571**	103,556
Loan – within 3 to 5 years	**5,740**	26,149
Loan – after five years	**2,990,510**	2,990,510
Accruals	**88,554**	129,387
Hire purchase	**-**	9,099
	3,147,375	3,259,591

14. **Total charity funds**

	At 1 Aug 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2022
Unrestricted	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General	3,548,260	1,154,702	(1,110,465)	-	**3,592,497**
Restricted					
Activities	-	74,837	(70,052)	-	**4,785**
Building	112,837	-	-	-	**112,837**
	112,837	74,837	(70,052)	-	**117,622**
	3,661,097	1,229,539	(1,180,517)	-	**3,710,119**

15. **Analysis of net asset between funds**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	*Total Funds 2021*
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Fixed assets	6,845,268	-	**6,845,268**	*6,884,061*
Current assets	412,883	117,622	**530,505**	*592,692*
Creditors less than 1 year	(518,279)	-	**(518,279)**	*(556,066)*
Creditors greater than 1 year	(3,147,375)	-	**(3,147,375)**	*(3,259,591)*
Net assets	3,592,497	117,622	**3,710,119**	*3,661,097*

16. **Secured loans**

Hire purchase agreements are secured upon the assets to which they relate.

An advance by the City of Newcastle Council is secured on the building. The Council is the freeholder and has granted a 250 year lease to the charity for the site.

17. **Limited by guarantee**

Eagles Community Foundation is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

18. **Auditors remuneration**

	2022	*2021*
	£	*£*
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	**3,050**	*2,750*

19. **Related parties**

During the year the company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Transaction value		**Balance owed by/(owed to)**	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	£	£	**£**	£
Eagles Community Arena Limited	**552,788**	*318,434*	**93,285**	*31,115*
Newcastle Eagles Basketball Club Ltd	**26,500**	*33,333*	**31,800**	-
Geoffrey Forrester and Co Solicitors	**36,000**	**-**	**(51,000)**	*(87,000*)
Samantha Blake	**100**	-	**-**	-

Eagles Community Arena Limited is a 100% owned subsidiary of Eagles Community Foundation.

During the financial year, the company charged Eagles Community Arena Limited £403,864 (2021: £318,434) in respect of management charges; and received £148,924 under gift aid; reducing the subsidiary's profits to £Nil. Consolidated accounts have not been prepared as all the subsidiary's activities are reflected in the company's accounts.

Paul Blake is majority shareholder of Newcastle Eagles Basketball Club Ltd. The club rent the facility from Eagles Community Foundation for the sum of £40,000 including VAT for a full season of home matches, training and an office space. There was a lower charge in the current and comparative year as a result of Covid-19.

Geoffrey Forrester and Co Solicitors have provided a loan to Eagles Community Foundation. Geoffrey Forrester is the father of David Forrester, a trustee of the Foundation.

Samantha Blake (Chief Executive) made a donation during the financial year of £100 (2021: Nil).

EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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ANNUAL REPORT 2021

FACTS AND FIGURES
2020-21

hoops 4 health

30 schools participated

1,675 young people took part





council finals



BBL and WBBL squad players deliver Hoops 4 Health roadshows

change 4 life

7 extra-curricular school clubs established within the East End of Newcastle

800 young people have attended

0:3 times or more

EAGLES CVL

70 club teams compete within our junior central venue league

40 club or after school sites

OVER 2,000 attending clubs every week

OVER 800 competing in our central venue league every week

26 officiating staff for CVL

NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

72 players

114,997 COVID-19 vaccinations administered

more than **7,500** volunteer hours donated this season

7 foundation trustees

19 full time staff

90 part time staff



our clubs cater from 5 years old to senior age groups

ZERO core-funding

THANKS TO OUR TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Eagles Community Foundation, thank you to all of our Board of Trustees for their commitment this year: **Alan Younger, Dave Forrester, Eric Wilson, Jeff King, Malcolm Dix, Paul Blake, Rob Page, Stephen Savage and Su Cumming.**

INTRODUCTION

PAUL BLAKE CHAIRMAN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The past twelve months have been in a lot of ways the most challenging to the Eagles across the history of the Foundation. The period witnessed the first change from lockdown to restrictions and the Sport England return to sport guidance. The Foundation safely returned all junior players and partner clubs back to sport, working with the young people and coaches to encourage fun play whilst getting reacquainted with being in organised sessions and mixing with other young people on court. The Academy trials were pushed back as far as possible and took place over a period of time rather than the normal route to allow young people time with no unnecessary pressure. Over the course of the year the Foundation returned 850 basketball junior players in August 2020 and grew the playing base to 1250 weekly basketball players in Eagles junior clubs in June 2021.

The Hoops 4 Health primary schools programme delivered virtually with players delivering from the arena into school classrooms with the much needed expertise of the club helping with the transition. Both the BBL and WBBL players committed to the programme and a special station was delivered to engage the young people to discuss their experiences during the pandemic and to encourage all classmates to support each other.

Alongside the return to junior sport and Hoops 4 Health the arena faced a professional basketball season behind closed doors and a very limited return of events. Inevitably there was a financial strain upon the organisation due to lack of income, thankfully the arena loans agreed for holiday periods which left the finances to cover the monthly utility bills, running costs and annual maintenance. It was a time of unchartered territory and the need to mitigate risks, including the unfortunate but necessary decision to make redundancies, reduce running costs and operate the building on skeleton staffing with the support of Eagles volunteers who with training and specialised courses took on the responsibility of the arena during the professional club season.

Newcastle College and education delivery returned to the arena in autumn 2020 with the arena providing a safe environment for both pupils and staff on site. Military Preparation College Training moved into the arena for the academic year enabling the next generation of military forces to continue their studying. Tyne Theatre Dance School also relocated temporarily to the arena to enable their courses and sessions to be delivered across the academic year. The arena offered new homes to both organisations to continue the work on benefiting hundreds of local young people during a time when they needed as much normality as possible.

December 2020 was a turning point for Foundation. Newcastle General Practice Service (NGPS) reached out and asked if the arena would be willing to assist in the vaccination roll out. Being involved with the NHS and working alongside key workers including, NGPS, Newcastle City Council, Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade and our wonderful community volunteers was the most humbling of experiences and gave purpose back to the Foundation and arena. The building was switched to a vaccination centre on December 23rd 2020 with just under 1000 of our local over 80's most of whom had not left the house since March came into the arena for their first vaccination. The following twelve months witnessed 114,997 local people receive their vaccinations and boosters at the arena. The Foundation cannot thank NGPS enough for the call to support, it truly was a humbling experience to work alongside such local heroes.

At the end of 2020, Newcastle City Council applied to the governments covid-19 Leisure assistance fund, this successful application provided a much-needed grant to the Foundation to help with core running costs of the arena.

The good work continued by the Foundation Officers and during early 2021 the Foundation was able to negotiate an arena naming rights deal with Vertu Motors Group, providing five years of significant income helping the charity through this difficult period and laying the foundations for future growth.

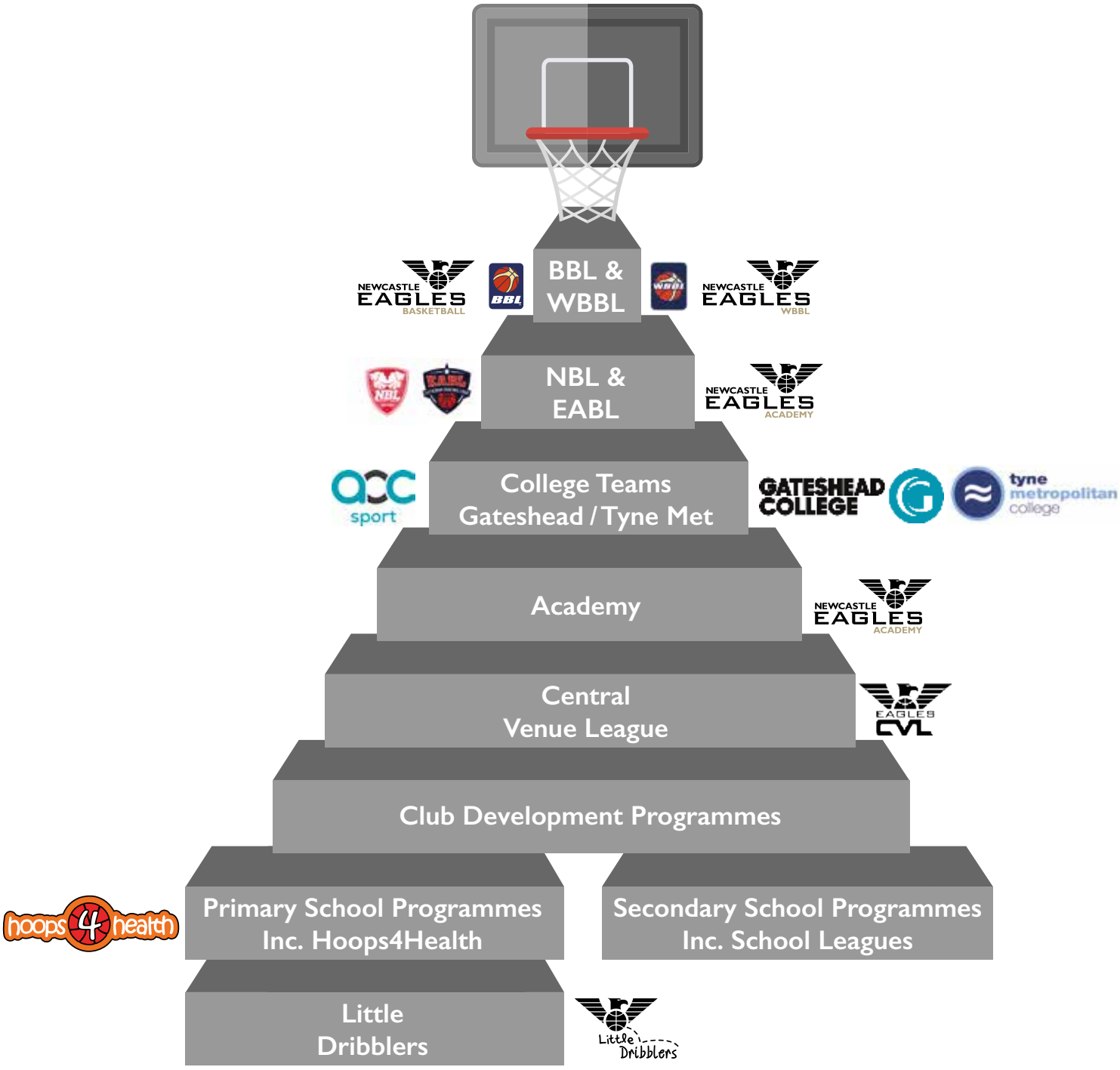
Everyone will have an individual story of 2020-21, for us it was one that started in desperation on how to survive as an organisation and changed due to our local community who picked us up and supported the Foundation when it was at its most vulnerable. The subsequent reorganization of the Foundation has enabled it to become more resilient and determined to benefit our local community. Now it's our time to further embrace partnerships and expand our remit to those who need our support the most.

This annual report is dedicated to all of the Eagles volunteers who pulled together during our time of crisis and kept the arena open and safe. This group of local people from all different backgrounds set up the arena for all BBL and WBBL home games, contributed to the delivery of the vaccination programme, worked alongside Sky Sports TV whilst upholding the strict COVID-19 guidance to ensure the building was a safe environment. The pandemic has provided us some amazing heroes and role models, here at the Eagles we are lucky to have our own, thank you to our Eagles Wings team who enabled the legacy of the Eagles to continue.

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PLAYER PATHWAY



PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
CHANGE 4 LIFE

The Change 4 Life programme has historically taken place in the East End of Newcastle in 9 primary schools:

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

- Byker
- Central Walker C of E
- St.Albans RC
- St.Lawrence's RC
- St.Vincents RC
- Tyneview
- Walkergate
- Welbeck
- West Walker

The aim is to educate children living in the most deprived area of Newcastle, the importance of living an active healthy lifestyle. Our CVL coordinator puts together a delivery programme across the schools for both curriculum and non-curriculum trying to engage as many children as possible from reception class through to year 6.

It is important for us that the coordinator builds up a rapport with the children so alongside delivery the coordinator attends other events the schools might have on and will have a presence in the school yard at breaktimes.

This programme is fully funded so there are no financial barriers for any of the children to be able to access.

The teachers are very supportive of the programme and get involved with helping with the delivery and in one case a teacher has gone on to gain their Basketball England Level 2 Coaching Award.

With the Newcastle Eagles games being played behind closed doors this season, the annual event of a pre-game and half-time competitions was unable to go ahead. Although 2 schools did not take part this year due to the pandemic and restrictions within their own schools, almost 800 children went through the programme from September – March.

Unfortunately, due to the change in funding criteria at the council, the Change 4 Life programme ended in March 2021.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
LITTLE DRIBBLERS

The 'Little Dribblers' is an introductory programme that engages with children aged 5 – 9 years old. It is a great first step for children looking to get involved in basketball. Whilst learning the basic elements of the sport, children also work on the key fundamental skills of movement, running, jumping, throwing and catching. Throughout the sessions children are encouraged to work on their fine and gross motor skills by doing passing and catching activities.

A noticeable difference with this programme is that the equipment used is size specific to the children. Smaller basketballs and adjustable baskets enable the children to be more in control of the ball with a greater success rate at the hoop. Primary schools take part either as curriculum delivery or as extra-curricular activity.

The skills the children are taught are all transferable into other sports and they are encouraged to not just focus on one sport at such a young age but to try other sports and activities as well.

Unfortunately, with all BBL games being played behind closed doors the normal medal presentations that would take place were not able to.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS 2019-20

NEWCASTLE

- Hilton
- Kenton Bar
- St. George's
- St. John's
- St. Mark's
- Westgate Hill
- Our Lady & St. Anne's

GATESHEAD

- Front Street
- Glynwood

NORTHUMBERLAND

- Hareside

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
HOOPS 4 HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

The Hoops 4 Health programme experienced a new challenge in the 2020-21 academic year and went virtual with 31 primary and middle schools to ensure the safety of everyone's well being.

The foundation engages over a thousand pupils across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland through our Hoops 4 Health programme.

The programme evolves every year to ensure the key issues are addressed in delivery through a fun and engaging, safe environment to pupils in years 4, 5 and 6.

The partners involved during the year included:

- Change for Life
- Gateshead Housing Company
- Newcastle City Council
- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbrian Healthcare Trust Hospital Volunteer Service
- Northumbrian Violence Reduction Unit
- Northumbrian Water





Our project partners and the schools themselves have helped us to connect with young people to encourage them to make healthier lifestyle decisions as they move into teenage years and secondary school.

Hoops 4 Health is broken down into 3 different sections however, unfortunately due to the pandemic, we were unable to provide the final part of the programme:

1. Healthy living roadshow afternoon delivered by the Newcastle Eagles Basketball Players
2. Coaching delivered by the Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation Coaches.
3. A local council tournament day

Hoops 4 Health programmes run across six local educational authorities:

- Gateshead
- Newcastle
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland



YEAR 5 PARTICIPATION

GATESHEAD

SCHOOL	
Falla Park Community	30
Glynwood Community	60
TOTAL	**90**

NEWCASTLE

SCHOOL	
Arthur's Hill Federation- Westgate Hill	115
Hawthorn Primary School	60
St. Michael's RC Primary School	30
St. Paul's CE Primary School	30
Hilton Primary School	60
Kenton Bar Primary School	60
Our Lady & St Anne's RC Primary School	46
Byker Primary School	60
Walkergate Primary School	90
Walbottle Village Primary School	30
TOTAL	**581**

NORTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Preston Grange Primary School	60
Wellfield Middle School	90
New York Primary School	31
Riverside Community Primary School	21
Denbigh	60
TOTAL	**262**

NORTHUMBERLAND

SCHOOL	
New Delavel Primary	30
Cragside COE Cont Primary School	62
Cramlington Village Primary	30
Whytrig Community Middle School	75
St Peter & Paul Primary	29
TOTAL	**226**

SOUTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Hadrian Primary	40
Harton Primary School	90
Laygate Community School	27
St Bedes RC VA	30
Stanhope Primary	60
East Boldon Juniors	57
TOTAL	**304**

SUNDERLAND

SCHOOL	
East Herrington	62
Barnes Junior School	90
St Cuthbert's RCVA	60
TOTAL	**212**

Due to a difficult year of uncertainty we only reached:

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS 1,675

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Hoops4Health is broken down into five stages which are delivered in schools, regional venues and at the home court of the our BBL and WBBL team. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, stages 3 to 6 could not be delivered.

All stages of the programme is delivered by the Eagles Community Foundation and these will be explained in further depth in the following pages.

STAGE 1
ROADSHOWS



STAGE 2
COACHING



STAGE 3
TOURNAMENTS

DID NOT HAPPEN DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



STAGE 4
TOURNAMENT FINALS

DID NOT HAPPEN DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



STAGE 5
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

DID NOT HAPPEN DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



STAGE 1 - ROADSHOWS

VIRTUAL DELIVERY

All school received a "healthy living" virtual roadshow across the afternoon delivered by a group of Newcastle Eagles BBL and WBBL players.

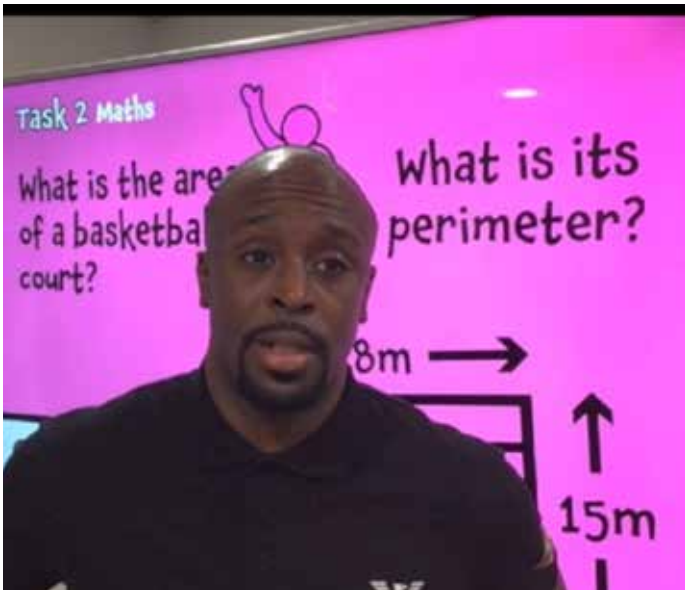
The players would present from our hospitability rooms at the Vertu Motors Arena with a TV screen set up behind them to show the presentation to the children.

All schools had their own afternoon teams invite to join the players online. This could be up to four classes. The leader of the roadshow would introduce the programme and ask the children what they think it takes to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Virtual delivery was very challenging for the players however they learned and developed as they progressed and It became successful. The virtual roadshow meant teachers had to support the delivery, asking them to select the child to come up to the front and answer questions. The players would rotate the questions through the classes to keep everyone engaged during their separate classes.

WARM UP GAME

The players had a list of sports to act out over the video call for the children to guess, the aim was to write down the sports and using the first letter of each sport would spell out the word 'basketball'.





STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGLISH, MATHS)

The 'STEM' station consisted of science, technology and maths questions relating to basketball to combine fun and learning for the children.

The work booklets every child received matched the presentation on the screen delivered from the BBL and WBBL players. The children were asked questions about how basketballs stop bouncing, how technology can help player performance and how the children can involve it into their lifestyle for example watching videos on the techniques and video analysis.

The players asked the children how they could work out the perimeter and area of a basketball court. The children also receive a maths challenge they had to workout in their work booklets.

FOOD & WATER

The first part of the station we talked about food and asked all the children to complete their food diary in their workbook, followed by the player delivering this station discussing what they eat throughout the day and encouraging the children to eat a more balanced diet.

The children had the opportunity to share their food diary which then brought us to talk about the food labelling system encouraging children to always check the labels before consuming the food and about portion size, exampling that your stomach is the same size as your fist.

To close the topic on food we gave the children a nutrition challenge, providing 3 meals and they had to come up with a solution to make them nutritional for example burger and fries, you could change the bun to either wholemeal bread or lettuce. The chips could be swapped for carrot sticks etc.

The second part of the station was about water and how much you should drink daily and the importance of water within our bodies and why we need it. The children learned that water makes up a lot of our body for example 83% of our blood is made of water.

YOUR EXPERIENCES

This subject was linked to COVID 19 lockdown and what experiences the children had faced going through a pandemic. Everyone was able to share their feelings and help guide one another. The players also shared with the children how they felt and how they overcame their challenges. This gave the children hope and ideas on how they can keep themselves positive and active, they were able to help one another. We were also able to share a video clip the Newcastle Eagles made with players and fans on "pass the basketball and not the virus".

ROUND UP

At the end of the afternoon we played a clip on what our game day experiences looked like before covid with the spectators and support.

We explained that all of the BBL games had to take part behind close doors but we still needed the support from our fans and informed them they could watch online.

Watch a video of the Hoops 4 Health Virtual delivery at www.newcastle-eagles.com/virtual

FEEDBACK
HOOPS 4 HEALTH

We all thought it was an absolutely brilliant afternoon, really really successful!

Once the iPad was linked up to our system, the sound was perfect.

I think Rahmon was just fantastic, he has real presence and great humour with the children.

Rahmon has a lovely rapport with them and the children loved every bit of it because of the lovely interaction they had with all three of them.

The activities worked really well, especially once we got into the routine of sending the children to crouch down at the front to speak to them directly into the camera it was fab. I think it would have been less successful if the staff had relayed the children's answers.

The kids loved that they got a chance to speak and be listened to individually, they said that felt special (by coming to the front) They loved all of the activities, had fun and said that they felt really special as it was almost like having a one-to-one with some Eagles!

It was superb!! Please pass on my thanks to all three of the players. It really worked as a virtual afternoon, it was even better than we imagined.

Tracy Taylor, Head Teacher, Preston Grange

STAGE 2 - COACHING

The coaching part of the programme is delivered by an Eagles community Foundation basketball coach or development officer.

Each school receives 4 hours of basketball coaching during curriculum time. The pupils learn basketball skills to play the game such as how to perform the follow, catching, passing, jumping, shooting and footwork during this they also understand basic rules including, double dribble, travelling, court boundaries and contact.

The coach the ensures that all pupils are involved and understand the importance of teamwork and communication within the sport. The pupils get the opportunity to play and put all they have learned together.

The coaching element is to prepare the children for the tournament (stage 3).

STAGE 3 - TOURNAMENTS

Unfortunately due to the pandemic we were unable to bring all the schools together in one environment to participate in their local authority round robin tournament. This was very difficult for the foundation as we love to see everyone come together within our programme but the health and safety of everyone was more important.

STAGES 4 & 5 – TOURNAMENT FINALS AND CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The tournament finals and champion of Champions are played prior to an BBL home game and at half time but unfortunately due to no tournaments and the BBL games being behind closed doors we were unable to deliver this part of the programme.









CLUB DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY CLUBS

The 11 junior sites we run across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland, enable young players to transition out of the school programmes we run into a structured club site. All youngsters are welcomed into the club environment no matter what experience they have previously had. When a player joins a club the coach will help them to work on their skill levels and ability and will guide them on to which ever player pathway they are interested in.

Across all sports it is important to offer a competitive element not only within the club environment but also against other clubs. This can enhance life skills such as working in a team and problem solving but also allows players to experience winning and losing and how to deal with both outcomes. The ECF Central Venue League offers this platform for all players and there are no trials needed for wanting to take part.

With all junior basketball clubs able to restart in September after the lockdown break, measures were put in place to be able to bring players back safely. This included carrying out and implementing COVID risk assessments in each of the 11 club sites. Following the Governing Body Return to Play guidelines we ensured that the following were complied with, no spectators in sessions, hand sanitising on entry, during session and exit, temperature checks, small working groups only, limited numbers, no physical contact, amongst others. There was uncertainty as to how many players we thought might return but we were pleased that over 750 members returned in the first month alone.

The limited numbers allowed at the club also meant that we were unable to engage with as many volunteers as normal. This was a huge miss across all sites as volunteers are the backbone of any club and this was highlighted in the lack of physical presence they were able to give.

COMMUNITY CLUB SITES

When the clubs were able to return to play some of the club sites had restrictions in place and we weren't able to access them straight away. Unfortunately, Walbottle Wizards were unable to return due to school restrictions so the players were transitioned into the Newcastle West Hoopstars and the club was closed down. Tyne Met Tigers were also unable to return to their training site for the season. After handing North Shields club over to be ran by the school a joint decision was made to bring North Shields back into the foundation. Even with all the problems getting clubs back up and running there was in excess of 1170 members registered including one club, Cardinal Hornets, exceeding 200 members and a further 3 clubs breaking the 100 member mark.

AGE GROUPS & MEMBERSHIP 2020-21

GATESHEAD

Cardinal Hornets	U6-U18	209
Whickham Royals	U8-U18	86
Ryton Rockets	U10-U18	60

NEWCASTLE

Gosforth Golliaths	U10-U18	97
Kenton Force	U12-U18	87
Ncle East Griffins	U10-U18	122
Ncle West Hoopstars	U10-U18	169

NORTHUMBERLAND

Cramlington Vikings	U10-U18	97

NORTH TYNESIDE

North Shields	U10-U18	80

SOUTH TYNESIDE

South Tyneside	U8-U18	163

INSIDE THE NEST
TAYLOR RENDLES
FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATOR

Taylor Rendles has been a key member of the Eagles Community Foundation Team for more than a decade. Here's her story.

I was a very sporty kid at school.

I got into basketball before I'd even experienced the Eagles Community Foundation's Hoops 4 Health programme. But I do remember Fab [Flournoy, former Eagles player-coach] coming into our school with Susan [Hunter, Foundation Chief Operating officer] and I took part in that session. From there I had the opportunity to go to John Spence Community High School in North Tyneside where the North Shields Jazz club was based. A minibus used to pick us up from the primary school and take us there and back for the sessions. I ended up staying with the club for seven years.

Basketball was always destined to be a big part of my life.

Towards the end of my time at TyneMet College I had a conversation with the Sport Development Manager, Sarah Bennett, and she told me that there was an opportunity to do an apprenticeship with the Eagles Community Foundation. I had a meeting with Sam Blake, Deirdre Hayes and Sarah to find out more. When I say find out more, I was extremely shy and I don't think I really said too much — I just listened! Essentially, it was a coaching position that would see me take over the North Shields club. It goes without saying that I took the role!

Ian MacLeod coached me…before he coached the Eagles!

Ian [MacLeod, Newcastle Eagles Head Coach] was my apprentice tutor and he'd guide us and give us direction. I started going out to schools and watched how other coaches did their job. But after that I was encouraged to go my own way. I also started working with the girls at Westgate Hoopstars and just before the initial apprenticeship was due to end I was asked if I'd like to extend it for another 18 months. I really enjoyed the role but, ironically, I preferred the administration side of things to being out coaching. I never expected that would be the case but I realised that's where my future lay.



I went from team sheets to spreadsheets.

If I wasn't out coaching then I'd be given various administration roles working alongside Susan. I threw myself into that work. Admin was always meant to be a part of my role but not necessarily the main part — it just so happened I loved spreadsheets and databases! Maybe that's why I was offered a job by the Foundation after my second apprenticeship came to an end…

Organising the organisation became my passion.

My first full-time job with the Eagles Foundation was loosely 50% coaching and 50% admin. I started looking after the players' diaries and helping to coordinate their school visits. I was helping out more and more with Hoops 4 Health — making sure that everything was branded and then learning how the tournaments were run. I was still doing some coaching but I think everyone knew that I'd really found my place off court. I'd still jump on a bus with a bag of balls and head off to do a school session every so often. But I actually looked forward to being back in the office and organising things from there.

Hoops 4 Health has a special place in my heart.

I still look after the coaches' and players' diaries and coordinate the Hoops 4 Health roadshows. It's great to see how the players who've been here for a while really make an impact on the school visits and the new players settle in quickly. Of course, some of them enjoy that sort of environment more than others and as someone who's been painfully shy in the past I know it's not for everyone! But they all do a great job and throw themselves into it. Themba [Yabantu], Darius [Defoe] and Rahmon [Fletcher] know their way around Hoops 4 Health better than most so they tend to take the lead at the start of the season and any new players take it from there. Someone like Corey [Johnson] has only been doing it for half a season but he's a natural. I just like watching the way that the players' personalities change and develop as they visit more schools and meet more kids.

Moving to the Vertu Motors Arena challenged everyone.

I've been involved with the Foundation for 11 years now. I was appointed Administrative Officer in 2010 and the time's just flown by. In the last three years — since we moved to the Vertu Motors Arena — it just seems like things have moved to another level. There's always something to be done and that's before you think about how to deal with a global pandemic.

I remember Newcastle Eagles first BBL match at the Vertu Motors Arena like it was yesterday.

Looking back at the first time we staged a BBL match at the Vertu Motors Arena I don't really know how we got through it! Everything was brand new and I think it was 2am before we managed to wrap up and head home. It was very emotional in many ways. For anyone who had been involved with the Foundation as long as I had it was the culmination of years of hard work and commitment from so many people.

It was very scary at the start of the pandemic back in spring 2020.

Staff were furloughed and after working so hard to get to where we were at the VMA suddenly we wondered whether there would be a job to come back to. But we're a community arena and we realised we could make a big difference to that community. That's when I started helping to organise the vaccine roll out — working alongside the military to jab thousands of people. Hundreds of people came through the door every day and it gave all of us a new focus and a sense of purpose. It's not something anyone could ever have imagined but we did a fantastic job as a team in the middle of a national crisis. Good came out of bad. That's how I look at it now.

Now it feels like we're almost back to our pre-lockdown best.

The BBL and WBBL basketball's back on a weekend, the school visits are up and running again and — pandemic permitting — the Hoops 4 Health tournaments start again at the end of the month. Our community groups are using the VMA again and there are so many exciting plans in the pipeline. I feel proud to be a part of the Foundation team and I can't imagine being anywhere else.

Once An Eagle, Always An Eagle — that's me!



COMPETITION STRUCTURE
EAGLES CENTRAL VENUE LEAGUE



The Eagles Central Venue League (CVL) brings together all the foundation club players into a competitive environment. Any player within a club is able to play for a team as the CVL is a development league so no trials take place. The leagues would normally be split into two blocks across the season allowing new teams to enter. The league in a normal year would have U12s – U18s playing on a Saturday and U10s playing on a Sunday across 3 courts at the Arena.

The U10s league is played across court and the hoops are lowered to 8ft. Instead of 5v5 this age group plays 4v4 games. Although the scores are recorded throughout the game no league tables are kept as the main emphasis is getting the players use to playing competitive games and learning the rules of the game. The games are shortened and the teams can be mixed gender.

The remaining age groups play full court games 5v5 and similarly the teams can be mixed gender. The games are played with a running clock to ensure all fixtures can be fulfilled but are closing in time to a full game as oppose to the U10s. The coach has more of an influence in these games adding specific plays both in offence and defence giving a better match experience and preparing players who may want to take a performance pathway route.

Monitoring Basketball England Return to Play guidance, we were able to run 2 small blocks of competitions throughout the season. In October a 4 week competition was played allowing 32 teams to play.

BLOCK 1 COMPETING TEAMS

UNDER 10

Cardinal Hornets (4 teams)
STBC (1 team)

UNDER 12

Cardinal Hornets (6 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
STBC (1 team)
Tyne Met Tigers (1 team)

UNDER 14

Cardinal Hornets (3 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (2 teams)
Kenton Force (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
STBC (1 team)

UNDER 16

Cardinal Hornets (1 team)
Gosforth Goliaths (1 team)
Kenton Force (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (1 team)
STBC (1 team)

UNDER 18

Kenton Force (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (1 team)
STBC (1 team)

In order for the games to take place there were very strict restrictions and guidelines that we had to follow including pausing the game after 20 minutes for players to sanitise their hands and the ball to be sanitised, no spectators, no bibs, individual chairs for each players cleaned in between games, amongst others.

By the time the second block was allowed to be ran in June there was a surge of players joining and returning to clubs and 70 teams entered into the 6 week block.

BLOCK 2 COMPETING TEAMS

UNDER 10

Cardinal Hornets (5 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (2 teams)
Kenton Force (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (4 teams)
NEG (1 team)
STBC (4 teams)
Whickham Royals (3 teams)

UNDER 12

Cardinal Hornets (6 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (2 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (2 teams)
Kenton Force (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (2 teams)
STBC (2 teams)
Tyne Met Tigers (1 team)
Whickham Royals (1 team)

UNDER 14

Cardinal Hornets (4 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (1 team)
Gosforth Goliaths (2 teams)
Kenton Force (2 teams)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (2 teams)
STBC (1 team)
Tyne Met Tigers (1 team)
Whickham Royals (1 team)



UNDER 16

Cardinal Hornets (2 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (1 team)
Kenton Force (2 teams)
NEG (1 team)
STBC (3 teams)
Whickham Royals (1 team)

UNDER 18

Cramlington Vikings (1 team)
Kenton Force (2 teams)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (2 teams)
STBC (1 team)

The league doesn't just only support developing players, but we also use this platform to be able to upskill people in both coaching and officiating.

This can be for young players who have shown an interest, players returning to the game, parents and those newly qualified. Gaining officiating awards in both table and refereeing allows people to get a better understanding of the game. Starting off at the younger age groups people will gain experience and thus confidence in progressing through to the older age groups.

The coaching pathway is really important to us as a foundation as it ensures that we have a pool of coaches to be able to deliver in the community.





FURTHER EDUCATION ACADEMIES
TYNE MET COLLEGE

Tyne Met College run a North East Sports Academy (NESA) across a variety of sports including basketball.

The aim of the programme is to allow students to train and learn within a professional arena whilst off the court receiving academic expertise in A levels or vocational subjects, with training slots built in.

The Eagles Community Foundation have partnered up with Tyne Met College to run the NESA programme for over 10 years. The long-standing partnership with the college enhances learning, encouraging performance, determination and teamwork whilst mastering the skills for success.

NESA is committed to coaching players of all abilities and genders, in a welcoming, supportive environment that encourages confidence, performance and persoal development.

What learners have access to:

- Take on the best in the country in the National EABL with the Newcastle Eagles Academy.
- Compete in the AoC North East Regional League
- Dedicated players have the chance to apply for free USA scholarship opportunities
- Up to 10 hrs of training and competitive matches each week in superb purpose-built facilities.
- Exclusive subsidised training, playing and leisure kits.
- Individually tailored strength and conditioning programmes as well as use of the state-of-the-art sports science lab and rehabilitation support.
- Sport-specific expert workshops in areas suchas sport psychology, performance analysis and nutrition.
- Free unlimited access to the Flex Fitness gym.
- The opportunity to gain basketball-specific coaching and officiating qualifications.
- Access to physiotherapy clinic for injury treatment.
- The chance to enhance employability skills through the NESA leadership academy.
- On-site court facilities for additional training.

HEAD COACH

Shaun Malone continues his dual role at the Eagles Community Foundation where he is the North Tyneside Development Officer promoting and developing basketball within North Tyneside primary and secondary schools alongside his role at the NESA Academy. Shaun has himself progressed through the player pathway starting as a junior, progressing to academy and then into the NESA Basketball Academy. After successfully completing a foundation degree Shaun then joined the foundation as a community coach. Shaun's personal experience of life as a student at Tyne Met as well as his understanding of the importance of being a student athlete encourages him to work closely with curriculum staff to ensure that all his NESA learners are firstly achieving in their academic studies and then progressing on the basketball court.

SEASON 2020-21

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the 2020-21 AoC North East Regional League was suspended and all the basketball games were been cancelled in order to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all involved.

Although the national league was cancelled, the regional competition was highly contested with the league being decided on the final day of competition in 2019-20. Tyne Met faced Middlesbrough College in the final fixture with both teams sitting at the top of the league table. In the final quarter of the game, only 2pts separated the teams. Unfortunately, due to injuries and foul trouble, it was Middlesbrough that would come out as victors with a 9pt win clinching the title for the season.

Although the 2020-21 season was cut short and the players did not get a chance to represent the Newcastle Eagles EABL side due to the ongoing pandemic, four Tyne Met players represented the EABL Squad including: Edward Boldi, Robert Dodds, James Taylor and Tyrese Nfon in 2019-20 season.

Also, Jonny Kavanagh and Joan Ducusin have qualified as coaches through the Eagles and Tyne Met partnership, developing through Shaun's mentoring and achieving key roles within the foundation in both in the CVL and junior club programme. This season was another successful year for the off court extra curriculum qualifications for 5 of the students, achieving work placements in CVL. The past year has seen emphasis on individual player development including breakdown of video analysis with focus on individual statistics, plays and fundamental improvements.

ELITE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY
NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

The Newcastle Eagles Academy is the next step up for the Eagles Community Foundation's junior club players.

The teams travel across England to compete aainst the highest level of juior baskebtall teams within the Basketball England National Basketball League (NBL).

Coaching staff are volunteers within the programme deducating their time to provide an environment of further development within the sport.

Both the BBL and WBBL coaches play a role within supporting the programme. Each age group has a team manager who is normall a parent from within the prgoramme, providing the boaching team with support.

Some players go on to trial for international honours, which many previous academy players having benefied from.

The pandemic had a huge impact on the NBL across the 2020-21 season.

As retrictions lifted all players returned to club cocaching and a specific girls session at the Vertu Motors Arena was set-up.

The foundation wanted everyone to come back into the programme without the worry of trials so this route enabled young people to come reaquainted with participating in sessions within COVID-19 guidance.

OVER 55
ACTIVE AGEING INITIATIVE

Unfortunately the Over 55 sessions did not return during this period as it was felt by both the Foundation and participants it was too soon following the affect of the pandemic. So the officer was asked to join forces with both Northumbria Healthcare Trust and Northumberland Public Health and trial a programme of initiatives within North Tyneside and Northumberland.



SINGING FOR MEMORIES

The pilot twined a local primary school and a care home with a member of staff and singing tutor teaching the participants a song over the course of a couple of weeks via online sessions.

Following the completion of the sessions an online concert took place with the school and care home performing together. The young people then asked the care home residents questions about themselves and shared memories.

SCHOOL / CARE HOME	PARTICIPANTS
Preston Grange School	60
Redesdale Court Care Home	10
East Lea Primary School	7
Preston Grange School	60
TOTAL	**137**

BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
NEWCASTLE EAGLES

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
0	Rex	Pflueger	6'5	Guard/Forward
2	Evan	Maxwell	6'10	Centre
4	Themba	Yabantu	5'11	Point Guard
6	Cortez	Edwards	6'1	Guard
9	Sauveur	Kande	6'3	Small Forward
12	Louis	Sayers	6'7	Small Forward
13	Darius	Defoe	6'7	Centre/Power Forward
14	Shore	Adenekan	6'9	Power Forward/Centre
16	Eddie	Matthew	6'3	Guard/Forward
21	Drew	Lasker	6'3	Guard
22	Sean	Murphy	6'4	Small Forward
24	Justin	Gordon	6'6	Power Forward
44	Rahmon	Fletcher	5'11	Point Guard

WOMEN'S BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
NEWCASTLE EAGLES

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
1	Yemisi	Mefful	5'11	Guard
2	Sarah	Birkett	5'7	Guard
4	Maddy	McVicar	5'5	Point Guard
5	Marina	Fernandez	6'0	Forward
6	Amelia	Oates	5'7	Guard
7	Lisa	Koop	6'6	Centre
8	Rachael	Bland	5'9	Guard
9	Abby	Lowe	5'11	Forward
10	Jorjah	Smith	5'9	Guard
14	Orieoma	Chuckwu-Etu	5'9	Guard
16	Mollie	Arnold	5'7	Guard
17	Ruth	Thornley	5'7	Guard
21	Mante	Kvederaviciute	6'1	Forward
23	Alison	Gorrell	5'11	Guard
32	Molly	Taylor	5'10	Guard

BBL & WBBL CLUB HISTORY

SEASON	DIV	POS	PLD	W	L	PTS	PLAY OFFS	TROPHY	CUP
1996–1997	BBL	7th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	1st Round	Semi-final
1997–1998	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Quarter-final	Semi-final	4th Round
1998–1999	BBL	5th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
1999–2000	BBL N	6th	36	10	26	10	DNQ	Quarter-final	1st Round
2000–2001	BBL N	3rd	36	20	16	40	1st Round	Runner-up	Quarter-final
2001–2002	BBL N	3rd	32	17	15	34	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2002–2003	BBL	5th	40	25	15	50	Semi-final	Semi-final	Quarter-final
2003–2004	BBL	6th	36	18	18	36	Quarter-final	1st Round	Quarter-final
2004–2005	BBL	2nd	40	31	9	62	Winners	Winners	Semi-final
2005–2006	BBL	1st	40	30	10	60	Winners	Winners	Winners
2006–2007	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Winners	Runner-up	Semi-final
2007–2008	BBL	1st	33	29	4	58	Semi-final	Runner-up	Runner-up
2008–2009	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Winners	Winners	Runner-up
2009–2010	BBL	1st	36	31	5	62	Semi-final	Winners	Quarter-final
2010–2011	BBL	2nd	33	24	9	48	Semi-final	Semi-final	Semi-final
2011–2012	BBL	1st	30	23	7	46	Winners	Winners	Winners
2012–2013	BBL	2nd	33	25	8	50	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2013–2014	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2014–2015	BBL	1st	36	31	5	58	Winners	Winners	Winners
2015–2016	BBL	2nd	33	28	5	56	1st Round	Runner-up	Winners
2016–2017	BBL	2nd	33	23	10	46	Runner-up	Quarter final	Winners
2017–2018	BBL	3rd	33	22	11	44	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2018–2019	BBL	3rd	33	21	12	42	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
	WBBL	7th	22	10	12	20	Quarter-final	Group Stages	Quarter-final
2019–2020	BBL	Season cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic						Winners	Quarter-final
	WBBL	Season cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic						1st-Round	Semi-final
2020–2021	BBL	4th	30	18	12	36	Winners	Quarter-final	Winners
	WBBL	7th	20	7	13	14	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Group Stages






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FACTS AND FIGURES
2020-21

hoops 4 health

30 schools participated

1,675 young people took part





council finals



BBL and WBBL squad players deliver Hoops 4 Health roadshows

change 4 life

7 extra-curricular school clubs established within the East End of Newcastle

800 young people have attended

0:3 times or more

EAGLES CVL

70 club teams compete within our junior central venue league

40 club or after school sites

OVER 2,000 attending clubs every week

OVER 800 competing in our central venue league every week

26 officiating staff for CVL

NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

72 players

114,997 COVID-19 vaccinations administered

more than **7,500** volunteer hours donated this season

7 foundation trustees

19 full time staff

90 part time staff



our clubs cater from 5 years old to senior age groups

ZERO core-funding

THANKS TO OUR TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Eagles Community Foundation, thank you to all of our Board of Trustees for their commitment this year: **Alan Younger, Dave Forrester, Eric Wilson, Jeff King, Malcolm Dix, Paul Blake, Rob Page, Stephen Savage and Su Cumming.**

INTRODUCTION

PAUL BLAKE CHAIRMAN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The past twelve months have been in a lot of ways the most challenging to the Eagles across the history of the Foundation. The period witnessed the first change from lockdown to restrictions and the Sport England return to sport guidance. The Foundation safely returned all junior players and partner clubs back to sport, working with the young people and coaches to encourage fun play whilst getting reacquainted with being in organised sessions and mixing with other young people on court. The Academy trials were pushed back as far as possible and took place over a period of time rather than the normal route to allow young people time with no unnecessary pressure. Over the course of the year the Foundation returned 850 basketball junior players in August 2020 and grew the playing base to 1250 weekly basketball players in Eagles junior clubs in June 2021.

The Hoops 4 Health primary schools programme delivered virtually with players delivering from the arena into school classrooms with the much needed expertise of the club helping with the transition. Both the BBL and WBBL players committed to the programme and a special station was delivered to engage the young people to discuss their experiences during the pandemic and to encourage all classmates to support each other.

Alongside the return to junior sport and Hoops 4 Health the arena faced a professional basketball season behind closed doors and a very limited return of events. Inevitably there was a financial strain upon the organisation due to lack of income, thankfully the arena loans agreed for holiday periods which left the finances to cover the monthly utility bills, running costs and annual maintenance. It was a time of unchartered territory and the need to mitigate risks, including the unfortunate but necessary decision to make redundancies, reduce running costs and operate the building on skeleton staffing with the support of Eagles volunteers who with training and specialised courses took on the responsibility of the arena during the professional club season.

Newcastle College and education delivery returned to the arena in autumn 2020 with the arena providing a safe environment for both pupils and staff on site. Military Preparation College Training moved into the arena for the academic year enabling the next generation of military forces to continue their studying. Tyne Theatre Dance School also relocated temporarily to the arena to enable their courses and sessions to be delivered across the academic year. The arena offered new homes to both organisations to continue the work on benefiting hundreds of local young people during a time when they needed as much normality as possible.

December 2020 was a turning point for Foundation. Newcastle General Practice Service (NGPS) reached out and asked if the arena would be willing to assist in the vaccination roll out. Being involved with the NHS and working alongside key workers including, NGPS, Newcastle City Council, Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade and our wonderful community volunteers was the most humbling of experiences and gave purpose back to the Foundation and arena. The building was switched to a vaccination centre on December 23rd 2020 with just under 1000 of our local over 80's most of whom had not left the house since March came into the arena for their first vaccination. The following twelve months witnessed 114,997 local people receive their vaccinations and boosters at the arena. The Foundation cannot thank NGPS enough for the call to support, it truly was a humbling experience to work alongside such local heroes.

At the end of 2020, Newcastle City Council applied to the governments covid-19 Leisure assistance fund, this successful application provided a much-needed grant to the Foundation to help with core running costs of the arena.

The good work continued by the Foundation Officers and during early 2021 the Foundation was able to negotiate an arena naming rights deal with Vertu Motors Group, providing five years of significant income helping the charity through this difficult period and laying the foundations for future growth.

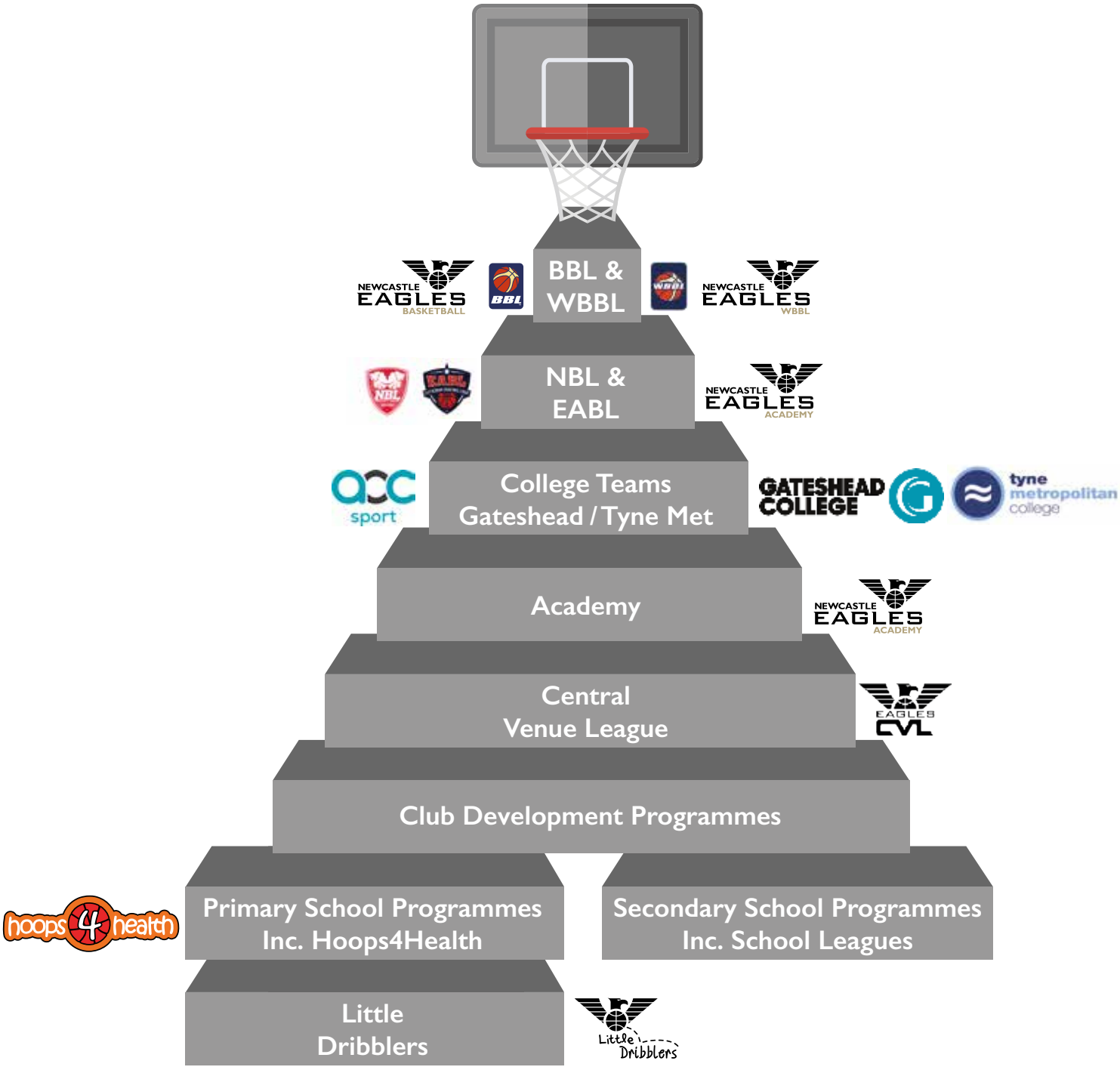
Everyone will have an individual story of 2020-21, for us it was one that started in desperation on how to survive as an organisation and changed due to our local community who picked us up and supported the Foundation when it was at its most vulnerable. The subsequent reorganization of the Foundation has enabled it to become more resilient and determined to benefit our local community. Now it's our time to further embrace partnerships and expand our remit to those who need our support the most.

This annual report is dedicated to all of the Eagles volunteers who pulled together during our time of crisis and kept the arena open and safe. This group of local people from all different backgrounds set up the arena for all BBL and WBBL home games, contributed to the delivery of the vaccination programme, worked alongside Sky Sports TV whilst upholding the strict COVID-19 guidance to ensure the building was a safe environment. The pandemic has provided us some amazing heroes and role models, here at the Eagles we are lucky to have our own, thank you to our Eagles Wings team who enabled the legacy of the Eagles to continue.

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PLAYER PATHWAY



PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
CHANGE 4 LIFE

The Change 4 Life programme has historically taken place in the East End of Newcastle in 9 primary schools:

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

- Byker
- Central Walker C of E
- St.Albans RC
- St.Lawrence's RC
- St.Vincents RC
- Tyneview
- Walkergate
- Welbeck
- West Walker

The aim is to educate children living in the most deprived area of Newcastle, the importance of living an active healthy lifestyle. Our CVL coordinator puts together a delivery programme across the schools for both curriculum and non-curriculum trying to engage as many children as possible from reception class through to year 6.

It is important for us that the coordinator builds up a rapport with the children so alongside delivery the coordinator attends other events the schools might have on and will have a presence in the school yard at breaktimes.

This programme is fully funded so there are no financial barriers for any of the children to be able to access.

The teachers are very supportive of the programme and get involved with helping with the delivery and in one case a teacher has gone on to gain their Basketball England Level 2 Coaching Award.

With the Newcastle Eagles games being played behind closed doors this season, the annual event of a pre-game and half-time competitions was unable to go ahead. Although 2 schools did not take part this year due to the pandemic and restrictions within their own schools, almost 800 children went through the programme from September – March.

Unfortunately, due to the change in funding criteria at the council, the Change 4 Life programme ended in March 2021.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
LITTLE DRIBBLERS

The 'Little Dribblers' is an introductory programme that engages with children aged 5 – 9 years old. It is a great first step for children looking to get involved in basketball. Whilst learning the basic elements of the sport, children also work on the key fundamental skills of movement, running, jumping, throwing and catching. Throughout the sessions children are encouraged to work on their fine and gross motor skills by doing passing and catching activities.

A noticeable difference with this programme is that the equipment used is size specific to the children. Smaller basketballs and adjustable baskets enable the children to be more in control of the ball with a greater success rate at the hoop. Primary schools take part either as curriculum delivery or as extra-curricular activity.

The skills the children are taught are all transferable into other sports and they are encouraged to not just focus on one sport at such a young age but to try other sports and activities as well.

Unfortunately, with all BBL games being played behind closed doors the normal medal presentations that would take place were not able to.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS 2019-20

NEWCASTLE

- Hilton
- Kenton Bar
- St. George's
- St. John's
- St. Mark's
- Westgate Hill
- Our Lady & St. Anne's

GATESHEAD

- Front Street
- Glynwood

NORTHUMBERLAND

- Hareside

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
HOOPS 4 HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

The Hoops 4 Health programme experienced a new challenge in the 2020-21 academic year and went virtual with 31 primary and middle schools to ensure the safety of everyone's well being.

The foundation engages over a thousand pupils across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland through our Hoops 4 Health programme.

The programme evolves every year to ensure the key issues are addressed in delivery through a fun and engaging, safe environment to pupils in years 4, 5 and 6.

The partners involved during the year included:

- Change for Life
- Gateshead Housing Company
- Newcastle City Council
- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbrian Healthcare Trust Hospital Volunteer Service
- Northumbrian Violence Reduction Unit
- Northumbrian Water





Our project partners and the schools themselves have helped us to connect with young people to encourage them to make healthier lifestyle decisions as they move into teenage years and secondary school.

Hoops 4 Health is broken down into 3 different sections however, unfortunately due to the pandemic, we were unable to provide the final part of the programme:

1. Healthy living roadshow afternoon delivered by the Newcastle Eagles Basketball Players
2. Coaching delivered by the Newcastle Eagles Community Foundation Coaches.
3. A local council tournament day

Hoops 4 Health programmes run across six local educational authorities:

- Gateshead
- Newcastle
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland



YEAR 5 PARTICIPATION

GATESHEAD

SCHOOL	
Falla Park Community	30
Glynwood Community	60
TOTAL	**90**

NEWCASTLE

SCHOOL	
Arthur's Hill Federation- Westgate Hill	115
Hawthorn Primary School	60
St. Michael's RC Primary School	30
St. Paul's CE Primary School	30
Hilton Primary School	60
Kenton Bar Primary School	60
Our Lady & St Anne's RC Primary School	46
Byker Primary School	60
Walkergate Primary School	90
Walbottle Village Primary School	30
TOTAL	**581**

NORTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Preston Grange Primary School	60
Wellfield Middle School	90
New York Primary School	31
Riverside Community Primary School	21
Denbigh	60
TOTAL	**262**

NORTHUMBERLAND

SCHOOL	
New Delavel Primary	30
Cragside COE Cont Primary School	62
Cramlington Village Primary	30
Whytrig Community Middle School	75
St Peter & Paul Primary	29
TOTAL	**226**

SOUTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Hadrian Primary	40
Harton Primary School	90
Laygate Community School	27
St Bedes RC VA	30
Stanhope Primary	60
East Boldon Juniors	57
TOTAL	**304**

SUNDERLAND

SCHOOL	
East Herrington	62
Barnes Junior School	90
St Cuthbert's RCVA	60
TOTAL	**212**

Due to a difficult year of uncertainty we only reached:

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS 1,675

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Hoops4Health is broken down into five stages which are delivered in schools, regional venues and at the home court of the our BBL and WBBL team. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, stages 3 to 6 could not be delivered.

All stages of the programme is delivered by the Eagles Community Foundation and these will be explained in further depth in the following pages.

STAGE 1
ROADSHOWS



STAGE 2
COACHING



STAGE 3
TOURNAMENTS

DID NOT HAPPEN DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



STAGE 4
TOURNAMENT FINALS

DID NOT HAPPEN DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



STAGE 5
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

DID NOT HAPPEN DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



STAGE 1 - ROADSHOWS

VIRTUAL DELIVERY

All school received a "healthy living" virtual roadshow across the afternoon delivered by a group of Newcastle Eagles BBL and WBBL players.

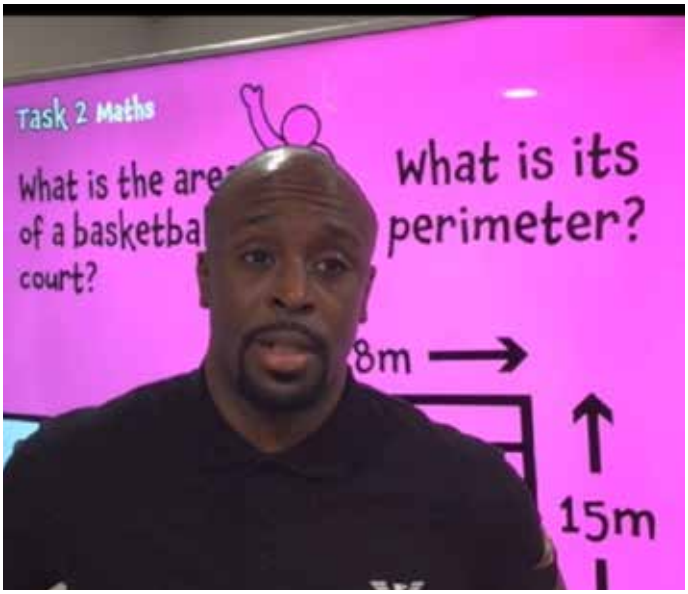
The players would present from our hospitability rooms at the Vertu Motors Arena with a TV screen set up behind them to show the presentation to the children.

All schools had their own afternoon teams invite to join the players online. This could be up to four classes. The leader of the roadshow would introduce the programme and ask the children what they think it takes to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Virtual delivery was very challenging for the players however they learned and developed as they progressed and It became successful. The virtual roadshow meant teachers had to support the delivery, asking them to select the child to come up to the front and answer questions. The players would rotate the questions through the classes to keep everyone engaged during their separate classes.

WARM UP GAME

The players had a list of sports to act out over the video call for the children to guess, the aim was to write down the sports and using the first letter of each sport would spell out the word 'basketball'.





STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGLISH, MATHS)

The 'STEM' station consisted of science, technology and maths questions relating to basketball to combine fun and learning for the children.

The work booklets every child received matched the presentation on the screen delivered from the BBL and WBBL players. The children were asked questions about how basketballs stop bouncing, how technology can help player performance and how the children can involve it into their lifestyle for example watching videos on the techniques and video analysis.

The players asked the children how they could work out the perimeter and area of a basketball court. The children also receive a maths challenge they had to workout in their work booklets.

FOOD & WATER

The first part of the station we talked about food and asked all the children to complete their food diary in their workbook, followed by the player delivering this station discussing what they eat throughout the day and encouraging the children to eat a more balanced diet.

The children had the opportunity to share their food diary which then brought us to talk about the food labelling system encouraging children to always check the labels before consuming the food and about portion size, exampling that your stomach is the same size as your fist.

To close the topic on food we gave the children a nutrition challenge, providing 3 meals and they had to come up with a solution to make them nutritional for example burger and fries, you could change the bun to either wholemeal bread or lettuce. The chips could be swapped for carrot sticks etc.

The second part of the station was about water and how much you should drink daily and the importance of water within our bodies and why we need it. The children learned that water makes up a lot of our body for example 83% of our blood is made of water.

YOUR EXPERIENCES

This subject was linked to COVID 19 lockdown and what experiences the children had faced going through a pandemic. Everyone was able to share their feelings and help guide one another. The players also shared with the children how they felt and how they overcame their challenges. This gave the children hope and ideas on how they can keep themselves positive and active, they were able to help one another. We were also able to share a video clip the Newcastle Eagles made with players and fans on "pass the basketball and not the virus".

ROUND UP

At the end of the afternoon we played a clip on what our game day experiences looked like before covid with the spectators and support.

We explained that all of the BBL games had to take part behind close doors but we still needed the support from our fans and informed them they could watch online.

Watch a video of the Hoops 4 Health Virtual delivery at www.newcastle-eagles.com/virtual

FEEDBACK
HOOPS 4 HEALTH

We all thought it was an absolutely brilliant afternoon, really really successful!

Once the iPad was linked up to our system, the sound was perfect.

I think Rahmon was just fantastic, he has real presence and great humour with the children.

Rahmon has a lovely rapport with them and the children loved every bit of it because of the lovely interaction they had with all three of them.

The activities worked really well, especially once we got into the routine of sending the children to crouch down at the front to speak to them directly into the camera it was fab. I think it would have been less successful if the staff had relayed the children's answers.

The kids loved that they got a chance to speak and be listened to individually, they said that felt special (by coming to the front) They loved all of the activities, had fun and said that they felt really special as it was almost like having a one-to-one with some Eagles!

It was superb!! Please pass on my thanks to all three of the players. It really worked as a virtual afternoon, it was even better than we imagined.

Tracy Taylor, Head Teacher, Preston Grange

STAGE 2 - COACHING

The coaching part of the programme is delivered by an Eagles community Foundation basketball coach or development officer.

Each school receives 4 hours of basketball coaching during curriculum time. The pupils learn basketball skills to play the game such as how to perform the follow, catching, passing, jumping, shooting and footwork during this they also understand basic rules including, double dribble, travelling, court boundaries and contact.

The coach the ensures that all pupils are involved and understand the importance of teamwork and communication within the sport. The pupils get the opportunity to play and put all they have learned together.

The coaching element is to prepare the children for the tournament (stage 3).

STAGE 3 - TOURNAMENTS

Unfortunately due to the pandemic we were unable to bring all the schools together in one environment to participate in their local authority round robin tournament. This was very difficult for the foundation as we love to see everyone come together within our programme but the health and safety of everyone was more important.

STAGES 4 & 5 – TOURNAMENT FINALS AND CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The tournament finals and champion of Champions are played prior to an BBL home game and at half time but unfortunately due to no tournaments and the BBL games being behind closed doors we were unable to deliver this part of the programme.









CLUB DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY CLUBS

The 11 junior sites we run across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland, enable young players to transition out of the school programmes we run into a structured club site. All youngsters are welcomed into the club environment no matter what experience they have previously had. When a player joins a club the coach will help them to work on their skill levels and ability and will guide them on to which ever player pathway they are interested in.

Across all sports it is important to offer a competitive element not only within the club environment but also against other clubs. This can enhance life skills such as working in a team and problem solving but also allows players to experience winning and losing and how to deal with both outcomes. The ECF Central Venue League offers this platform for all players and there are no trials needed for wanting to take part.

With all junior basketball clubs able to restart in September after the lockdown break, measures were put in place to be able to bring players back safely. This included carrying out and implementing COVID risk assessments in each of the 11 club sites. Following the Governing Body Return to Play guidelines we ensured that the following were complied with, no spectators in sessions, hand sanitising on entry, during session and exit, temperature checks, small working groups only, limited numbers, no physical contact, amongst others. There was uncertainty as to how many players we thought might return but we were pleased that over 750 members returned in the first month alone.

The limited numbers allowed at the club also meant that we were unable to engage with as many volunteers as normal. This was a huge miss across all sites as volunteers are the backbone of any club and this was highlighted in the lack of physical presence they were able to give.

COMMUNITY CLUB SITES

When the clubs were able to return to play some of the club sites had restrictions in place and we weren't able to access them straight away. Unfortunately, Walbottle Wizards were unable to return due to school restrictions so the players were transitioned into the Newcastle West Hoopstars and the club was closed down. Tyne Met Tigers were also unable to return to their training site for the season. After handing North Shields club over to be ran by the school a joint decision was made to bring North Shields back into the foundation. Even with all the problems getting clubs back up and running there was in excess of 1170 members registered including one club, Cardinal Hornets, exceeding 200 members and a further 3 clubs breaking the 100 member mark.

AGE GROUPS & MEMBERSHIP 2020-21

GATESHEAD

Cardinal Hornets	U6-U18	209
Whickham Royals	U8-U18	86
Ryton Rockets	U10-U18	60

NEWCASTLE

Gosforth Golliaths	U10-U18	97
Kenton Force	U12-U18	87
Ncle East Griffins	U10-U18	122
Ncle West Hoopstars	U10-U18	169

NORTHUMBERLAND

Cramlington Vikings	U10-U18	97

NORTH TYNESIDE

North Shields	U10-U18	80

SOUTH TYNESIDE

South Tyneside	U8-U18	163

INSIDE THE NEST
TAYLOR RENDLES
FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATOR

Taylor Rendles has been a key member of the Eagles Community Foundation Team for more than a decade. Here's her story.

I was a very sporty kid at school.

I got into basketball before I'd even experienced the Eagles Community Foundation's Hoops 4 Health programme. But I do remember Fab [Flournoy, former Eagles player-coach] coming into our school with Susan [Hunter, Foundation Chief Operating officer] and I took part in that session. From there I had the opportunity to go to John Spence Community High School in North Tyneside where the North Shields Jazz club was based. A minibus used to pick us up from the primary school and take us there and back for the sessions. I ended up staying with the club for seven years.

Basketball was always destined to be a big part of my life.

Towards the end of my time at TyneMet College I had a conversation with the Sport Development Manager, Sarah Bennett, and she told me that there was an opportunity to do an apprenticeship with the Eagles Community Foundation. I had a meeting with Sam Blake, Deirdre Hayes and Sarah to find out more. When I say find out more, I was extremely shy and I don't think I really said too much — I just listened! Essentially, it was a coaching position that would see me take over the North Shields club. It goes without saying that I took the role!

Ian MacLeod coached me…before he coached the Eagles!

Ian [MacLeod, Newcastle Eagles Head Coach] was my apprentice tutor and he'd guide us and give us direction. I started going out to schools and watched how other coaches did their job. But after that I was encouraged to go my own way. I also started working with the girls at Westgate Hoopstars and just before the initial apprenticeship was due to end I was asked if I'd like to extend it for another 18 months. I really enjoyed the role but, ironically, I preferred the administration side of things to being out coaching. I never expected that would be the case but I realised that's where my future lay.



I went from team sheets to spreadsheets.

If I wasn't out coaching then I'd be given various administration roles working alongside Susan. I threw myself into that work. Admin was always meant to be a part of my role but not necessarily the main part — it just so happened I loved spreadsheets and databases! Maybe that's why I was offered a job by the Foundation after my second apprenticeship came to an end…

Organising the organisation became my passion.

My first full-time job with the Eagles Foundation was loosely 50% coaching and 50% admin. I started looking after the players' diaries and helping to coordinate their school visits. I was helping out more and more with Hoops 4 Health — making sure that everything was branded and then learning how the tournaments were run. I was still doing some coaching but I think everyone knew that I'd really found my place off court. I'd still jump on a bus with a bag of balls and head off to do a school session every so often. But I actually looked forward to being back in the office and organising things from there.

Hoops 4 Health has a special place in my heart.

I still look after the coaches' and players' diaries and coordinate the Hoops 4 Health roadshows. It's great to see how the players who've been here for a while really make an impact on the school visits and the new players settle in quickly. Of course, some of them enjoy that sort of environment more than others and as someone who's been painfully shy in the past I know it's not for everyone! But they all do a great job and throw themselves into it. Themba [Yabantu], Darius [Defoe] and Rahmon [Fletcher] know their way around Hoops 4 Health better than most so they tend to take the lead at the start of the season and any new players take it from there. Someone like Corey [Johnson] has only been doing it for half a season but he's a natural. I just like watching the way that the players' personalities change and develop as they visit more schools and meet more kids.

Moving to the Vertu Motors Arena challenged everyone.

I've been involved with the Foundation for 11 years now. I was appointed Administrative Officer in 2010 and the time's just flown by. In the last three years — since we moved to the Vertu Motors Arena — it just seems like things have moved to another level. There's always something to be done and that's before you think about how to deal with a global pandemic.

I remember Newcastle Eagles first BBL match at the Vertu Motors Arena like it was yesterday.

Looking back at the first time we staged a BBL match at the Vertu Motors Arena I don't really know how we got through it! Everything was brand new and I think it was 2am before we managed to wrap up and head home. It was very emotional in many ways. For anyone who had been involved with the Foundation as long as I had it was the culmination of years of hard work and commitment from so many people.

It was very scary at the start of the pandemic back in spring 2020.

Staff were furloughed and after working so hard to get to where we were at the VMA suddenly we wondered whether there would be a job to come back to. But we're a community arena and we realised we could make a big difference to that community. That's when I started helping to organise the vaccine roll out — working alongside the military to jab thousands of people. Hundreds of people came through the door every day and it gave all of us a new focus and a sense of purpose. It's not something anyone could ever have imagined but we did a fantastic job as a team in the middle of a national crisis. Good came out of bad. That's how I look at it now.

Now it feels like we're almost back to our pre-lockdown best.

The BBL and WBBL basketball's back on a weekend, the school visits are up and running again and — pandemic permitting — the Hoops 4 Health tournaments start again at the end of the month. Our community groups are using the VMA again and there are so many exciting plans in the pipeline. I feel proud to be a part of the Foundation team and I can't imagine being anywhere else.

Once An Eagle, Always An Eagle — that's me!



COMPETITION STRUCTURE
EAGLES CENTRAL VENUE LEAGUE



The Eagles Central Venue League (CVL) brings together all the foundation club players into a competitive environment. Any player within a club is able to play for a team as the CVL is a development league so no trials take place. The leagues would normally be split into two blocks across the season allowing new teams to enter. The league in a normal year would have U12s – U18s playing on a Saturday and U10s playing on a Sunday across 3 courts at the Arena.

The U10s league is played across court and the hoops are lowered to 8ft. Instead of 5v5 this age group plays 4v4 games. Although the scores are recorded throughout the game no league tables are kept as the main emphasis is getting the players use to playing competitive games and learning the rules of the game. The games are shortened and the teams can be mixed gender.

The remaining age groups play full court games 5v5 and similarly the teams can be mixed gender. The games are played with a running clock to ensure all fixtures can be fulfilled but are closing in time to a full game as oppose to the U10s. The coach has more of an influence in these games adding specific plays both in offence and defence giving a better match experience and preparing players who may want to take a performance pathway route.

Monitoring Basketball England Return to Play guidance, we were able to run 2 small blocks of competitions throughout the season. In October a 4 week competition was played allowing 32 teams to play.

BLOCK 1 COMPETING TEAMS

UNDER 10

Cardinal Hornets (4 teams)
STBC (1 team)

UNDER 12

Cardinal Hornets (6 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
STBC (1 team)
Tyne Met Tigers (1 team)

UNDER 14

Cardinal Hornets (3 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (2 teams)
Kenton Force (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
STBC (1 team)

UNDER 16

Cardinal Hornets (1 team)
Gosforth Goliaths (1 team)
Kenton Force (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (1 team)
STBC (1 team)

UNDER 18

Kenton Force (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (1 team)
STBC (1 team)

In order for the games to take place there were very strict restrictions and guidelines that we had to follow including pausing the game after 20 minutes for players to sanitise their hands and the ball to be sanitised, no spectators, no bibs, individual chairs for each players cleaned in between games, amongst others.

By the time the second block was allowed to be ran in June there was a surge of players joining and returning to clubs and 70 teams entered into the 6 week block.

BLOCK 2 COMPETING TEAMS

UNDER 10

Cardinal Hornets (5 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (2 teams)
Kenton Force (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (4 teams)
NEG (1 team)
STBC (4 teams)
Whickham Royals (3 teams)

UNDER 12

Cardinal Hornets (6 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (2 teams)
Gosforth Goliaths (2 teams)
Kenton Force (1 team)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (2 teams)
STBC (2 teams)
Tyne Met Tigers (1 team)
Whickham Royals (1 team)

UNDER 14

Cardinal Hornets (4 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (1 team)
Gosforth Goliaths (2 teams)
Kenton Force (2 teams)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (2 teams)
STBC (1 team)
Tyne Met Tigers (1 team)
Whickham Royals (1 team)



UNDER 16

Cardinal Hornets (2 teams)
Cramlington Vikings (1 team)
Kenton Force (2 teams)
NEG (1 team)
STBC (3 teams)
Whickham Royals (1 team)

UNDER 18

Cramlington Vikings (1 team)
Kenton Force (2 teams)
NEG (1 team)
Newcastle West Hoopstars (2 teams)
STBC (1 team)

The league doesn't just only support developing players, but we also use this platform to be able to upskill people in both coaching and officiating.

This can be for young players who have shown an interest, players returning to the game, parents and those newly qualified. Gaining officiating awards in both table and refereeing allows people to get a better understanding of the game. Starting off at the younger age groups people will gain experience and thus confidence in progressing through to the older age groups.

The coaching pathway is really important to us as a foundation as it ensures that we have a pool of coaches to be able to deliver in the community.





FURTHER EDUCATION ACADEMIES
TYNE MET COLLEGE

Tyne Met College run a North East Sports Academy (NESA) across a variety of sports including basketball.

The aim of the programme is to allow students to train and learn within a professional arena whilst off the court receiving academic expertise in A levels or vocational subjects, with training slots built in.

The Eagles Community Foundation have partnered up with Tyne Met College to run the NESA programme for over 10 years. The long-standing partnership with the college enhances learning, encouraging performance, determination and teamwork whilst mastering the skills for success.

NESA is committed to coaching players of all abilities and genders, in a welcoming, supportive environment that encourages confidence, performance and persoal development.

What learners have access to:

- Take on the best in the country in the National EABL with the Newcastle Eagles Academy.
- Compete in the AoC North East Regional League
- Dedicated players have the chance to apply for free USA scholarship opportunities
- Up to 10 hrs of training and competitive matches each week in superb purpose-built facilities.
- Exclusive subsidised training, playing and leisure kits.
- Individually tailored strength and conditioning programmes as well as use of the state-of-the-art sports science lab and rehabilitation support.
- Sport-specific expert workshops in areas suchas sport psychology, performance analysis and nutrition.
- Free unlimited access to the Flex Fitness gym.
- The opportunity to gain basketball-specific coaching and officiating qualifications.
- Access to physiotherapy clinic for injury treatment.
- The chance to enhance employability skills through the NESA leadership academy.
- On-site court facilities for additional training.

HEAD COACH

Shaun Malone continues his dual role at the Eagles Community Foundation where he is the North Tyneside Development Officer promoting and developing basketball within North Tyneside primary and secondary schools alongside his role at the NESA Academy. Shaun has himself progressed through the player pathway starting as a junior, progressing to academy and then into the NESA Basketball Academy. After successfully completing a foundation degree Shaun then joined the foundation as a community coach. Shaun's personal experience of life as a student at Tyne Met as well as his understanding of the importance of being a student athlete encourages him to work closely with curriculum staff to ensure that all his NESA learners are firstly achieving in their academic studies and then progressing on the basketball court.

SEASON 2020-21

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the 2020-21 AoC North East Regional League was suspended and all the basketball games were been cancelled in order to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all involved.

Although the national league was cancelled, the regional competition was highly contested with the league being decided on the final day of competition in 2019-20. Tyne Met faced Middlesbrough College in the final fixture with both teams sitting at the top of the league table. In the final quarter of the game, only 2pts separated the teams. Unfortunately, due to injuries and foul trouble, it was Middlesbrough that would come out as victors with a 9pt win clinching the title for the season.

Although the 2020-21 season was cut short and the players did not get a chance to represent the Newcastle Eagles EABL side due to the ongoing pandemic, four Tyne Met players represented the EABL Squad including: Edward Boldi, Robert Dodds, James Taylor and Tyrese Nfon in 2019-20 season.

Also, Jonny Kavanagh and Joan Ducusin have qualified as coaches through the Eagles and Tyne Met partnership, developing through Shaun's mentoring and achieving key roles within the foundation in both in the CVL and junior club programme. This season was another successful year for the off court extra curriculum qualifications for 5 of the students, achieving work placements in CVL. The past year has seen emphasis on individual player development including breakdown of video analysis with focus on individual statistics, plays and fundamental improvements.

ELITE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY
NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

The Newcastle Eagles Academy is the next step up for the Eagles Community Foundation's junior club players.

The teams travel across England to compete aainst the highest level of juior baskebtall teams within the Basketball England National Basketball League (NBL).

Coaching staff are volunteers within the programme deducating their time to provide an environment of further development within the sport.

Both the BBL and WBBL coaches play a role within supporting the programme. Each age group has a team manager who is normall a parent from within the prgoramme, providing the boaching team with support.

Some players go on to trial for international honours, which many previous academy players having benefied from.

The pandemic had a huge impact on the NBL across the 2020-21 season.

As retrictions lifted all players returned to club cocaching and a specific girls session at the Vertu Motors Arena was set-up.

The foundation wanted everyone to come back into the programme without the worry of trials so this route enabled young people to come reaquainted with participating in sessions within COVID-19 guidance.

OVER 55
ACTIVE AGEING INITIATIVE

Unfortunately the Over 55 sessions did not return during this period as it was felt by both the Foundation and participants it was too soon following the affect of the pandemic. So the officer was asked to join forces with both Northumbria Healthcare Trust and Northumberland Public Health and trial a programme of initiatives within North Tyneside and Northumberland.



SINGING FOR MEMORIES

The pilot twined a local primary school and a care home with a member of staff and singing tutor teaching the participants a song over the course of a couple of weeks via online sessions.

Following the completion of the sessions an online concert took place with the school and care home performing together. The young people then asked the care home residents questions about themselves and shared memories.

SCHOOL / CARE HOME	PARTICIPANTS
Preston Grange School	60
Redesdale Court Care Home	10
East Lea Primary School	7
Preston Grange School	60
TOTAL	**137**

BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
NEWCASTLE EAGLES

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
0	Rex	Pflueger	6'5	Guard/Forward
2	Evan	Maxwell	6'10	Centre
4	Themba	Yabantu	5'11	Point Guard
6	Cortez	Edwards	6'1	Guard
9	Sauveur	Kande	6'3	Small Forward
12	Louis	Sayers	6'7	Small Forward
13	Darius	Defoe	6'7	Centre/Power Forward
14	Shore	Adenekan	6'9	Power Forward/Centre
16	Eddie	Matthew	6'3	Guard/Forward
21	Drew	Lasker	6'3	Guard
22	Sean	Murphy	6'4	Small Forward
24	Justin	Gordon	6'6	Power Forward
44	Rahmon	Fletcher	5'11	Point Guard

WOMEN'S BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
NEWCASTLE EAGLES

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HEIGHT	POSITION
1	Yemisi	Mefful	5'11	Guard
2	Sarah	Birkett	5'7	Guard
4	Maddy	McVicar	5'5	Point Guard
5	Marina	Fernandez	6'0	Forward
6	Amelia	Oates	5'7	Guard
7	Lisa	Koop	6'6	Centre
8	Rachael	Bland	5'9	Guard
9	Abby	Lowe	5'11	Forward
10	Jorjah	Smith	5'9	Guard
14	Orieoma	Chuckwu-Etu	5'9	Guard
16	Mollie	Arnold	5'7	Guard
17	Ruth	Thornley	5'7	Guard
21	Mante	Kvederaviciute	6'1	Forward
23	Alison	Gorrell	5'11	Guard
32	Molly	Taylor	5'10	Guard

BBL & WBBL CLUB HISTORY

SEASON	DIV	POS	PLD	W	L	PTS	PLAY OFFS	TROPHY	CUP
1996–1997	BBL	7th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	1st Round	Semi-final
1997–1998	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Quarter-final	Semi-final	4th Round
1998–1999	BBL	5th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
1999–2000	BBL N	6th	36	10	26	10	DNQ	Quarter-final	1st Round
2000–2001	BBL N	3rd	36	20	16	40	1st Round	Runner-up	Quarter-final
2001–2002	BBL N	3rd	32	17	15	34	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2002–2003	BBL	5th	40	25	15	50	Semi-final	Semi-final	Quarter-final
2003–2004	BBL	6th	36	18	18	36	Quarter-final	1st Round	Quarter-final
2004–2005	BBL	2nd	40	31	9	62	Winners	Winners	Semi-final
2005–2006	BBL	1st	40	30	10	60	Winners	Winners	Winners
2006–2007	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Winners	Runner-up	Semi-final
2007–2008	BBL	1st	33	29	4	58	Semi-final	Runner-up	Runner-up
2008–2009	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Winners	Winners	Runner-up
2009–2010	BBL	1st	36	31	5	62	Semi-final	Winners	Quarter-final
2010–2011	BBL	2nd	33	24	9	48	Semi-final	Semi-final	Semi-final
2011–2012	BBL	1st	30	23	7	46	Winners	Winners	Winners
2012–2013	BBL	2nd	33	25	8	50	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2013–2014	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2014–2015	BBL	1st	36	31	5	58	Winners	Winners	Winners
2015–2016	BBL	2nd	33	28	5	56	1st Round	Runner-up	Winners
2016–2017	BBL	2nd	33	23	10	46	Runner-up	Quarter final	Winners
2017–2018	BBL	3rd	33	22	11	44	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2018–2019	BBL	3rd	33	21	12	42	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
	WBBL	7th	22	10	12	20	Quarter-final	Group Stages	Quarter-final
2019–2020	BBL	Season cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic						Winners	Quarter-final
	WBBL	Season cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic						1st-Round	Semi-final
2020–2021	BBL	4th	30	18	12	36	Winners	Quarter-final	Winners
	WBBL	7th	20	7	13	14	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Group Stages






BBL
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ANNUAL REPORT 2020



FACTS AND FIGURES
2019-20

hoops 4 health

68 schools participated

4,033 young people took part





council finals



BBL and WBBL squad players deliver Hoops 4 Health roadshows

EAGLES CVL

73 club teams compete within our junior central venue league

40 club or after school sites

OVER 2,000 attending clubs every week

OVER 800 competing in our central venue league every week

26 officiating staff for CVL

more than **7,500** volunteer hours donated this season

7 foundation trustees

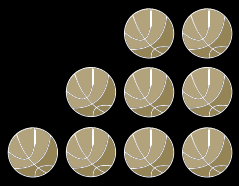
19 full time staff

90 part time staff



our clubs cater from 5 years old to senior age groups

change 4 life



9 extra-curricular school clubs established within the East End of Newcastle

417 young people have attended

0:3 times or more

NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

72 players

Little Dribblers

5 to 9 years olds

1,000 receiving coaching

15 school club sites across the region

ZERO core-funding

THANKS TO OUR TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Eagles Community Foundation, thank you to all of our Board of Trustees for their commitment this year: **Alan Younger, Dave Forrester, Eric Wilson, Jeff King, Malcolm Dix, Paul Blake and Su Cumming.**

INTRODUCTION



Our first full year in the Eagles Community Arena began the way we had all hoped, with the conclusion of a number of projects around the new building and all parts of the business from events to sports provision, food and beverage provision and services for the local community all coming to fruition.

This culminated in our most successful week in the building in February 2020, including two sold out Eagles home games, a sold out GB basketball international against Germany and a highly successful boxing event.

We are all aware of what followed with the advent of COVID 19 and as we know it has been an extremely difficult year for everyone, on both a personal and work level. The Foundation has had to navigate unchartered territory and has mitigated risks, including the unfortunate but necessary decision to make redundancies, reduce utility and running costs, operate the building on skeleton staffing and the support of Eagles volunteers and the training of staff for new responsibilities.

The Foundation staff were successful in arranging payment holidays on long term loans with payment plans in place to further mitigate risk.

On a very positive note, the Foundation were able to negotiate an Arena Naming Rights deal with Vertu Motor Group, with five years of significant income, helping the charity through this difficult period and laying foundations for future growth.

The Arena has been proud to support the city as a key Vaccination Centre, being a main site for the city. Education has played a large important part in keeping the arena open with our partnership with Newcastle College.

The Foundation has also worked hard to create the right conditions for a 'Return to Play' the core sports in the facility. At the date of writing this more than 850 members have returned to the junior programme. The team continued its outreach with an inventive online delivery of Hoops4Health, delivering a virtual programme into regional schools.

Looking forward the newly named Vertu Motors Arena is looking like it will burst back into life. Existing bookings suggest it will be incredibly busy and the focus is now on the 2022 diary.

There has been an incredible amount of hard work by Foundation employees and support from partners and the local community in turning a corner from the previous set audit. The past five months has witnessed the turning point from covid-19 crisis management to securing the future with guaranteed income and contracts..

Paul Blake
Chair of the Trustees

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EAGLES COMMUNITY ARENA
PARTNERS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Schools have continued to be welcomed into the Arena providing a fantastic facility and a great space that is not always available at schools. Children have been coming from St. Michael's, Our Lady and St. Anne's and Dame Allan's. Not only have St. Michael's taken part during curriculum time but have also added an after-school club which has been well attended.

Newcastle Volleyball Club and Riverside Netball remained as the resident sports clubs with both increasing in numbers from the previous season. England Netball and North East Netball have also become regulars at the Arena.

The year started off with the Marching Bank Championships with over 1600 participants, supporters and judges descending into the Arena for a weekend bringing along with them a weekend full of amazing performances and plenty of glitter.

It was a great honour to be asked to host the 2019 World Transplant Games 3x3 basketball event in August. We welcomed athletes from countries across the world with spectators being able to come and watch the event for free.

In November over 700 delegates visited the Arena to the biggest Offshore Wind North East event yet and our biggest expo to date. The whole arena was taking over including seminars and presentations in the hospitality suite and breakout area. In the main arena space, 70 exhibitor stands filled the arena floor.

Basketball fans were treat with the chance to watch GB take on Germany in a Eurobasket Qualifier. BBF chairman Maurice Watkins said, "We are delighted to











be able to take such a high-profile game to Newcastle. The city knows all about great basketball and we know the Eagles fans and everyone in the North East will get behind the team in this fantastic new venue. We look forward to working with Newcastle Eagles to put on a great show." What a show it turned out to be with a packed-out crowd witnessing GB taking a confident win against Germany 81 – 73.

Other major events we have hosted include MTK Boxing, Northumbrian Water Group leadership event, Northumbria Police walk of solidarity, Bidfood expo and the Rugby League World Cup 2021 launch.

In January 2020, the Foundation celebrated it's first birthing of the Arena opening and just over 2 months later had to shut the doors due to the pandemic.

Determined to help support the community during this unprecedented time, the doors were opened in April to give access to the Active Partnership to prepare 2,500 activity packs to help families across the region stay active. With the Arena car park remaining empty we were able to provide the space as a Mobile Testing Unit. The Army were drafted in to run the drive-thru swab testing facility. From June to August the main floor of the Arena was used for StreetGames to bring in over £1 million of food, sports packs and equipment and reading materials that were distributed to families and community groups that were hit hard when the pandemic started.

The Eagles Community Arena won the Community Value and Social Accessibility category at the Lord Mayor of Newcastle's Design Awards ceremony. We also went on to win the final accolade of the evening, the Lord Mayor's Special Award. Sam Blake, CEO, said

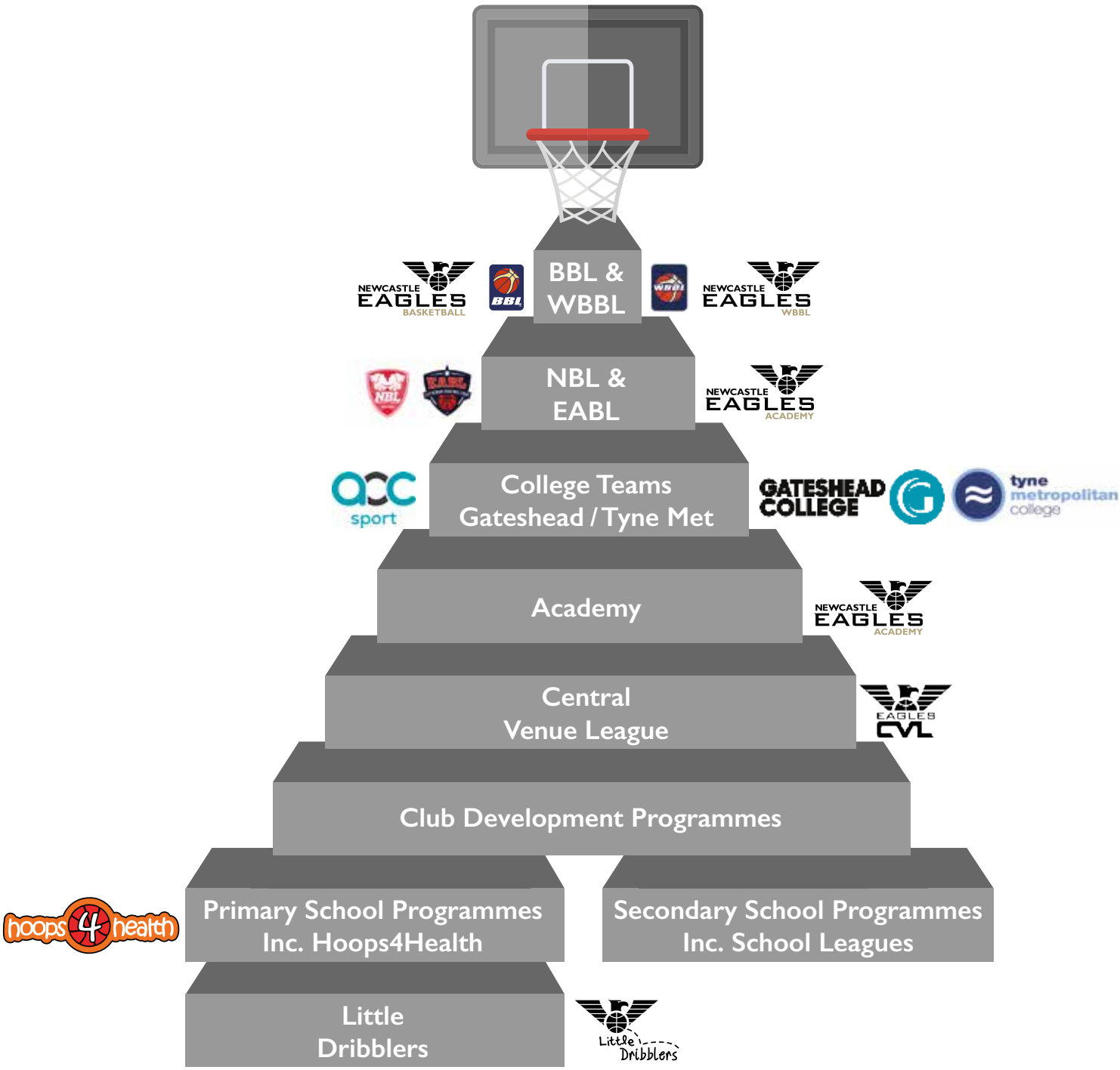




"It's quite overwhelming for the ECA to be honoured by the Lord Mayor. It has been a whirlwind first 12 months with close to 200 events in our first year, hosting some of the largest companies in the region, educational activity with our partners at Newcastle College, local weekly community events, a range of sporting activities that sees close to 2000 people a week playing sport in the venue and of course Eagles home nights."

We remain true to the ethos that the heart of the community drives everything that we do.

PLAYER PATHWAY



PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
LITTLE DRIBBLERS

The 'Little Dribblers' is the first rung of the ladder in the player pathway aimed at children aged 5 – 9 years old. In most cases this will be children's first experience of playing basketball. Basketball is a sport that support the fundamental movement skills, running, jumping, throwing and catching. It also can be used to improve hand-eye coordination. In this programme we ensure that the appropriate equipment is available including smaller basketballs that can be more easily controlled by the children and baskets that can be adjusted in height to accommodate all age groups and abilities. The programme is delivered to primary schools as either a breakfast club, lunchtime club, after school club or during the curriculum.

Following on from the success of last year, the foundation has this year worked with 15 primary schools with over 1000 children taken part. The running theme throughout the programme is that children have FUN whilst learning the sport of basketball. We ensure that the sessions are inclusive and engaging. The skill emphasis is around ball familiarity, ball handling, starting and stopping, passing and like players of all ages the favourite skill of shooting.

Children are encouraged to transition from their school-based sessions into their local basketball club. ECF clubs have seen a rise in membership at this age group with additional sessions being added to specific club sites to cater for the demand. Little Dribblers remains the catalyst of providing clubs with a core membership that will eventually grow through the different age groups at the club.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS 2019-20

GATESHEAD
- Cloverhill
- Colegate
- Crookhill
- Front Street
- Glynwood
- Lobley Hill
- Wardley
- Kelvin Grove
- Oakfield Infants
- Oakfield Juniors

NEWCASTLE
- Our Lady & St. Anne's
- Mountfield
- St. John's

NORTH TYNESIDE
- St.Bartholemews

SUNDERLAND
- Ryhope Infants



Throughout the programme we were able to invite some of the pupils to a Newcastle Eagles games where they received a medal for participation in the programme.

The Foundation are aware of the importance of children taking part in sport from a young age and although we promote basketball, we also encourage children to take up or try multiple sports and physical activities.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
HOOPS 4 HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

The Hoops4Health programme during the 2019-20 academic year has engaged with 68 primary and middle school. Unfortunately, like many of our programmes, this came to a standstill in March when the schools closed so never got a chance to deliver to those signed up.

Hoops4Health remains the flagship programme at the Foundation engaging thousands of pupils across Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland. Since 2001, the programme has evolved to ensure key issues are addressed each year. This is delivered in a fun and engaging, safe environment to pupils in years 4, 5 and 6.

The partners involved during the year included:

- Change4Life
- Gateshead Housing Company
- Newcastle City Council
- North Tyneside Council
- Northumbria Healthcare Trust Hospital Volunteer Service
- Northumbrian Water
- Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit

These partners along with the schools themselves have enabled thousands of young people to make informed decisions on the health choices as they move into teenage years and secondary school.

All schools involved within our Hoops4Health programme received a Newcastle Eagles BBL and WBBL player led roadshow, followed by four hours of coaching from either a community coach or development officer. Each school also had the chance to participate in their council tournament with each authority's top four teams progressing to the home of the Newcastle Eagles to play on the home court before and at half-time of a game.



Hoops4Health programmes run across six local educational authorities:

- Gateshead
- Newcastle
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS 4,033

YEAR 5 PARTICIPATION

GATESHEAD

SCHOOL	
Caedmon Community	60
Crookhill Community	29
Colegate Primary	30
Cloverhill Primary	61
Dunston Hill Community	51
Falla Park Community	27
Glynwood Community	115
Harlow Green	100
Kelvin Grove	50
Larkspur Community	18
Oakfield Juniors	60
St Agnes' Catholic	30
Wardley Primary	90
TOTAL	**721**



NEWCASTLE

SCHOOL	
Byker Primary School	65
Central Walker CE Primary	60
Gosforth Central Middle School	120
Gosforth East Middle School	120
Gosforth Jnr High Academy (Visit 1 of 2)	90
Gosforth Jnr High Academy (Visit 2 of 2)	90
Kenton Bar Primary School	81
Hilton Primary	110
Our Lady & St. Anne's	30
Simonside Primary	55
St. Alban's RC Primary School	70
St. John's Primary School	60
St. Lawrence's RC Primary	27
St. Michael's RC Primary School	30
St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School	65
St. Vincent's RC Primary School	30
Welbeck Primary	50
West Walker Primary School	35
TOTAL	**1158**

NORTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Balliol	37
Christ Church C of E Primary School	24
Collingwood Primary School	120
Cullercoats Primary	60
Denbigh	58
Ivy Road Primary School	16
Monkhouse Primary	33
New York Primary School	40
Preston Grange Primary School	60
Redesdale	31
Riverside Primary	23
Shiremoor	47
St Bartholomew's	57
Wallsend Jubilee	95
Wellfield Middle School	90
TOTAL	**791**

NORTHUMBERLAND

SCHOOL	
Beaconhill Community Primary	30
Croftway Primary	120
Malvin's Close Primary School	120
Morpeth Road Primary School	120
TOTAL	**390**

SOUTH TYNESIDE

SCHOOL	
Biddick Hall Junior School	101
East Boldon Juniors	61
Forest View Primary School	69
Hadrian Primary	39
Harton Primary School	90
Holy Trinity	30
Laygate Community	57
Mortimer Primary	80
St Bedes RC VA Primary School	30
Stanhope Primary	60
TOTAL	**617**

SUNDERLAND

SCHOOL	
Farringdon	105
East Herrington	60
Barnes Junior School	84
Hill View	120
Richard Avenue	53
Seaburn Dene	50
St Cuthbert's RC VA	31
Wessington	22
TOTAL	**525**



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The programme is normally broken down into five stages which are delivered in schools, regional venues and at the home court of our BBL team. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, stage 5 could not go ahead.

Every part of the programme is delivered by the Eagles Community Foundation and these stages will be explained in further depth in the following pages.

STAGE 1
ROADSHOWS



STAGE 2
COACHING



STAGE 3
TOURNAMENTS



STAGE 4
TOURNAMENT FINALS

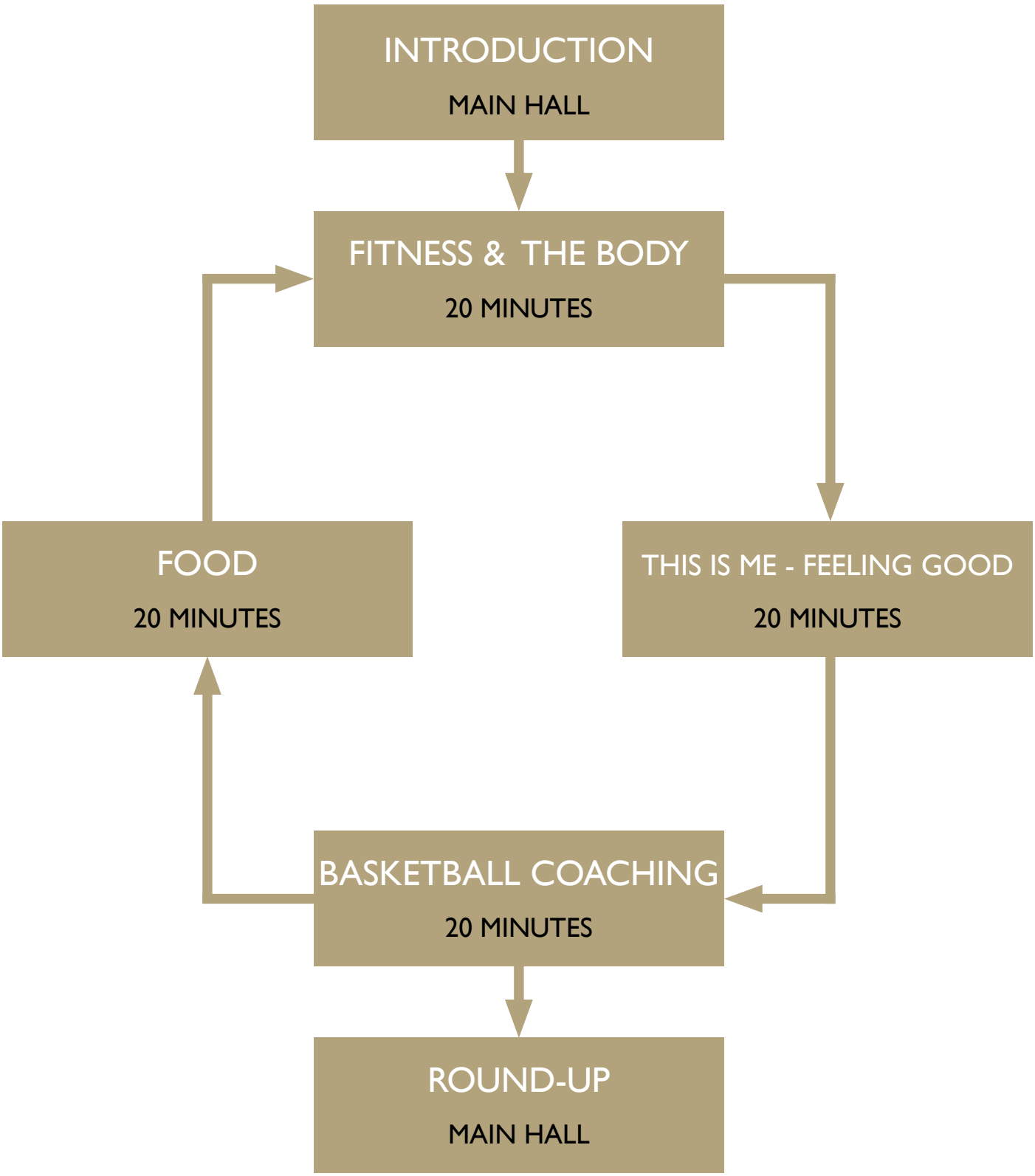


STAGE 5
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

DID NOT HAPPEN DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



STAGE 1 - ROADSHOWS



STAGE 1 - ROADSHOWS

Each school receives a 'healthy living' roadshow across the afternoon delivered by a group of Newcastle Eagles BBL and WBBL players. When the players arrive, they are greeted by up to 120 wide eyed excited children. The team of players introduce themselves and explain the activities that will take place.

The players will ask the children what they think it takes to lead a healthy lifestyle which leads into the first activity, the fitness station.

FITNESS & THE BODY

The fitness station is one of two active sessions within the afternoon. The Newcastle Eagles players ask questions based on keeping active and healthy and what this means within their bodies. Different organs are discussed and the functions they provide. Children are asked to talk about what activities they take part in to help them exercise. To start to get the blood pumping, the children are challenged to keep active for sets amounts of time including running on the spot, star jumps, burpees, high knees and bum kicks.

The participants are then divided into groups, rotating between the remaining stations and players.

THIS IS ME - FEELING GOOD

The 'This is Me' station is to encourage the children to be proud of themselves and getting them to realise that you should never doubt yourself or be made to feel different because of the things you do or by the way you look. The players highlight what they might be proud of such as where they were born, what their heritage is or their sporting achievements. Children are asked to come up with an answer on a sticky note which are then all placed on a board. The player reads them out and children are encouraged to clap after each one. Each child has a booklet and they are then asked to fill in the task about what they through they were good at, what made them feel confident and what made them happy.

FOOD

When arriving at this station, every hcild would receive a card which has one ingrediant on. In their workbook, the children are aksed to fill in a good diary based onwhat they had the day before. The olayer would then go through what thy ate and how children can eat more healthily by making simple food swaps with the ingredient cards which would go together to make a healthy meal.

BASKETBALL COACHING SESSION

This station is the 2nd physical station that the children take part in. Fun games and competitions are used to teach the basic skills of basketball; dribbling, passing and shooting. The sessions are designed so that all children are involved no matter what their skill level or ability is. It shows how inclusive the sport is and the importance of teamwork.

ROUND UP

When all children are finished on the carousel of stations, they are all brought back together. Pupils who have stood out throughout the afternoon for good behaviour, good engagement and being enthusiastic, receive prizes. The afternoon concludes with the clap game challenge with 1 lucky pupil receiving a family ticket to a Newcastle Eagles home game. All children receive a 'Golden Ticket' to an Eagle's game and information on how they can join their local basketball club.



STAGE 2 - COACHING

This stage of the programme is delivered by an Eagles Community Foundation basketball coach or development officer. Each school receives 4 hours of basketball coaching during curriculum time. The coaching sessions are to prepare the pupils for taking part in a tournament (stage 3). The pupils learn some of the rules of basketball including double dribble, travelling, court boundaries and contact. The coach also teaches them the core skills they need to play the game, catching, passing, jumping, dribbling, shooting, footwork and defence. All the skills taught are then put together where the children get the chance to play games. More tactical skills are then taught such as pass and move and spacing out on the court. The coach ensures that all pupils are involved and how important teamwork and communication are.





STAGE 3 - YEAR 5 TOURNAMENTS

OVERVIEW

The tournaments are a great way for pupils to put into practice everything they have learnt in their coaching sessions against other schools and there is always a real buzz when the pupils arrive.

All tournaments take place at the Eagles Community Arena except for South Tyneside (Temple Park) and Sunderland (Sunderland University City Space). Unfortunately, due to the lockdown the Northumberland tournament did not go ahead.

The school teams are placed into pools with all teams playing against each other. In the afternoon, the knockout stages begin and conclude with the 4 top teams progressing through to the tournament finals.

Throughout the day sportsmanship and teamwork are promoted with also a rule of a minimum number of girls on court at all time to ensure that everybody gets a chance to play.

Following on from the roadshow, the children are again handed out a leaflet so that they can continue to play basketball at their local club.

TEAMS TOTALS

- **Gateshead:** 38 teams
- **Newcastle:** 38 teams
- **North Tyneside:** 30 teams
- **South Tyneside:** 30 teams
- **Sunderland:** 24 teams

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

Gateshead

- Number of teams: 38
- Number of young people: 380
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Crookhill Primary
  - Glynwood Primary
  - Lobley Hill Primary
  - Wardley Primary



Newcastle
- Number of teams: 38
- Number of young people: 380
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Byker Primary
  - St. Alban's Primary
  - St. Teresa's Primary
  - Gosforth East Middle

North Tyneside
- Number of teams: 30
- Number of young people: 300
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Monkhouse Primary
  - Preston Grange Primary
  - Redesdale Primary
  - Wellfield Middle

South Tyneside
- Number of teams: 30
- Number of young people: 300
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Biddick Hall Juniors
  - Forest View Primary
  - Stanhope Primary
  - St. Bede's Primary

Sunderland
- Number of teams: 24
- Number of young people: 240
- Teams progressing to the final:
  - Richard Avenue
  - Farringdon Academy
  - Seaburn Dene Primary
  - St. Cuthbert's Primary

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS: 160

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE: 1,600

STAGE 4 - YEAR 4 & 5 TOURNAMENT FINALS

The final four teams that finished top in the their council tournaments are each invited to a finals night at the Eagles Community Arena. This is a great experience for the pupils as they get the chance to play on the Newcastle Eagles court. Both semi finals take place before the BBL game with the 2 winning teams progressing to the final. The final takes place at ½ time of the BBL game in front of a packed out audience. Schools are provided with tickets for teachers and families to be able to come so they can also enjoy the experience and atmosphere.

All pupils are then presented with the relevant medal with the winning team receiving a cup. The teams have a group photograph taken including the sponsor(s). The winning team also get the opportunity to have their photograph taken with the BBL team at the end of the game.

2019-20 REGIONAL WINNERS

GATESHEAD: **Lobley Hill**

NEWCASTLE: **St. Alban's**

NORTH TYNESIDE: **Monkhouse**

SOUTH TYNESIDE: **St Bede's**

SUNDERLAND: **Seaburn Dene**









PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
CHANGE 4 LIFE

The Change 4 Life programme gives us an opportunity to work with targeted schools all year round instilling the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and keeping active. The fully funded project allows us to work with 9 primary schools in the East End of Newcastle.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

- Byker
- Central Walker C of E
- St.Albans RC
- St.Lawrence's RC
- St.Vincents RC
- Tyneview
- Walkergate
- Welbeck
- West Walker

The C4L coordinator works within the whole school from reception to year 6 delivering basketball in breakfast clubs, lunchtime clubs, after school clubs and curriculum sessions. To strengthen the familiarity that the pupils have with the coordinator, the coach will also pop into the school year at break times and sit with the children that are provided breakfast at their schools. By being a fully funded programme, this removes the barriers that some children may have in being able to access sport as the schools are based in some of the most deprived areas in Newcastle.

Teachers at the school are also very proactive with their own CPD, picking up new ideas and rills they can deliver to the children when the coach is not there.

All schools were offered to bring pupils to the Eagles Community Arena to take part in competitions on the Newcastle Eagles home court before and during half time of a BBL game.

Almost 300 children took part in the after-school clubs between September and March and over 500 children received curriculum coaching. Delivery was cut short with the closure of schools during the first lockdown.

CASE STUDY
GOSFORTH GOLIATHS & RYTON ROCKETS
VICTORIA JAMES

Not only does Victoria James volunteer at one Eagles Community Foundation Clubs but volunteers at two, Gosforth Goliaths and Ryton Rockets. The best way to describe Victoria would be as an 'all-rounder'. Victoria runs the Facebook pages, does all administrative duties and is always on hand to answer questions from the parents.

On a Saturday you will find Victoria at the Central Venue League all day, organising teams, filling in team sheets and allocating kit which she has also washed.

At Ryton Victoria has done invaluable fundraising and even managed to find a sponsor for all Gosforth kits. Whenever any of the clubs are taking part in any event you can guarantee that Victoria will be there to support in whatever manner is needed.

The head coach at the clubs, Chris Applewhite, said "Simply put, I could not do what I do without her help and guidance."



With all the hours put in to supporting players at both clubs it was fitting that Basketball England recognised Victoria as the Basketball England North East Region Volunteer of the Year.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY CLUBS

The Eagles Community Foundation continue to be proud that we run one of the biggest club development programmes in the country. The continued growth of the club sites is led by the delivery across all school programmes where pupils are transitioning over. This can be quite a big step for some, coming from a school environment they feel comfortable in, into a club. We pride ourselves in ensuring all new members feel welcome when they arrive and are put with the right ability of players. Once in the club setting players are able to progress their skill level and ability as they continue on the player pathway.

Like in most sports, competition is pivotal in the players development giving them the opportunity to play against other teams outside the club setting. At this stage of the pathway no player has to trial to make a team with the mantra being, "if you want to play, then you are on the team."

Although the coach(es) at each club site are an integral part of the club and its success, we are grateful for the dedication of volunteers and parents that provide the relevant support to the club and the club. From administrating, fundraising and kit washing we have an amazing base of volunteers.

COMMUNITY CLUB SITES

GATESHEAD

- Cardinal Hornets (Under 6-18)
- Kingsmeadow Royals (Under 8-18)
- Ryton Rockets (Under 10-18)

NEWCASTLE

- Gosforth Golliaths (Under 10-18)
- Kenton Force (Under 12-18)
- Newcastle East Griffins (Under 10-18)
- Walbottle Wizards (Under 12-18)
- Westgate Hoopstars (Under 10-18)

NORTHUMBERLAND

- Cramlington Vikings (Under 10-18)

NORTH TYNESIDE

- Tyne Met Tigers (Under 12-14)

SOUTH TYNESIDE

- South Tyneside Basketball Club (Under 8-18)

For the clubs to thrive the main objective is to ensure sustainability. This is achieved through memberships, weekly subs, fundraising and strong school to club links.

With the continued growth of the 'Little Dribblers', this has seen a rise in the number of U10 sessions being added to club sites.

The club sites vary in membership size based on factors such as when it was established, court availability, court size and the number of schools in the area that have received basketball.

The target is that all club sites can cater for U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s and U18s.

Even though the season was cut short due to the pandemic, some clubs saw a substantial growth in membership. Cardinal Hornets cemented themselves as one of the biggest junior development clubs with 180 members. South Tyneside Basketball Club also started to creep closer to the 100 members mark registering over 80 players.

The growth of clubs is the number one priority across the Foundation. With that in mind the Foundation provides Basketball England Level 1 and 2 coaching courses to ensure there is a sufficient workforce to meet the demand.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE
EAGLES CENTRAL VENUE LEAGUE

The Eagles Central Venue League (CVL) packs out the Eagles Community Arena all day Saturday and a Sunday morning. The league provides competition for all ECF clubs and non ECF clubs to come together to play games. Players come from across the north East Region playing for one of the 73 teams that have entered.

Normally the CVL would run across 10/12 weeks three times a year. Due to the pandemic the 3rd CVL did not take place with the 2nd CVL cut slightly short. Having the ECA as its home allows the league to grow with having access to 3 basketball courts.

The leagues also provides a foundation for young or newly qualified coached to experience game coaching. Also, it is the first ladder of the step for those interested in table officiating and refereeing where they can get mentored and move up through the age groups as their ability and experience improves. The Foundation provides level 1 refereeing and table officiating courts with the local Area Association providing Level 2 courses. As a foundation we are always keen to engage players and parents into these roles as they can get a better understanding of the game.

UNDER 10

2018-19 oversaw the introduction of our brand new This age group of competition aims to give players a positive introduction into the game. To ensure the emphasis is on experiencing the game and having fun, no league tables are kept. Referees provide ongoing support throughout the game so that players get a better understanding of the rules. Unlike the conventional game, the U10s is played 4 v 4 across court, shortened games, with lowered hoops. The league is open to mixed teams.

UNDER 12-18

Games at these age groups switch to 5v5 across a full court. Although a running clock is used, to ensure all fixtures are played, the games start to get closer to a full match experience. The games are a lot longer at this age group and the more technical side of the game starts to come into play with coaches being able to coach offence and defensive plays. Similar to the Under 10s league, the Saturday CVL is open to mixed teams with also girls only teams entering into the mix.



PARTICIPATING TEAMS

UNDER 10

Cardinal Hornets (7 teams), Cramlington Vikings (1 team), Gosforth Goliaths (1 team), Kingsmeadow Royals (3 teams), Newcastle East Griffins (2 teams), Ryton Rockets (2 teams), South Tyneside Basketball Club (3 teams) and East Durham (1 team)

UNDER 12

Cardinal Hornets (5 teams), Cramlington Vikings (1 team), Gosforth Goliaths (1 team), Kingsmeadow Royals (1 team), Newcastle East Griffins (1 team), Westgate Hoopstars (1 team), Ryton Rockets (1 team), South Tyneside Basketball Club (2 teams), Tyne Met Tigers (1 team), North Shields (1 team) and Morpeth (1 team)

UNDER 14

Cardinal Hornets (3 teams), Cramlington Vikings (1 team), Kenton Force (2 teams), Kingsmeadow Royals (2 teams), Newcastle East Griffins (2 teams), Westgate Hoopstars (1 team), South Tyneside Basketball Club (2 teams), Tyne Met Tigers (1 team), Gosforth Goliaths (1 team), North Shields (1 team) and Morpeth (1 team)

UNDER 16

Cardinal Hornets (1 team), Gosforth Goliaths (1 team), Kenton Force (1 team), Kingsmeadow Royals (1 team), Newcastle East Griffins (1 team), Westgate Hoopstars (1 team), Ryton Rockets (1 teams), South Tyneside Basketball Club (2 teams), North Shields (1 team), Oxclose (1 team) and Morpeth (1 team)

UNDER 18

Cramlington Vikings (1 team), Kenton Force (1 team), Newcastle East Griffins (1 team), Westgate Hoopstars (2 teams), North Shields (1 team), Oxclose (1 team) Morpeth and Ryton Rockets combined (1 team).

COMPETITION STRUCTURE
PRE-GAME CLINICS & TOURNAMENTS



What can be more exciting for a youngster than to have the opportunity to play on the home court of the Newcastle Eagles either before or at half-time of a game? Those that had the chance to part in a pre-game or half-time event also got to cheer on the Newcastle Eagles BBL team.

DRIVE, DISH, SWISH

This event sees youngsters compete a set of challenges racing against the clock. The course is set up based on the age groups taking part to ensure it is age appropriate yet challenging for the player. The skill areas the players needed to master were in dribbling, passing and shooting. This year saw competitions for Under 8s, Under 10s and Under 12s



GOSFORTH CHALLENGE

This event is contested by the 3 Gosforth Middle Schools, East, Central and Junior High. Fierce rivalry between the school always adds to the energy of the event. A round robin competition across age groups and genders took place with Gosforth Central Middle School crowned champions.



ULTIMATE SHOOT-OUT

Ask any player at any age group what they enjoy the most in basketball and most of the time the answer will be shooting. This popular pre game event sees individuals try to accumulate as many points as they can across various shooting challenges. Different conditions are brought in to test the player including shooting off the catch, shooting off the dribble and shooting from various positions on the court.

Other events saw Eagles Community Foundation clubs face up against each other including U12s 4 v 4 South of the Tyne, East v West and Tyne Met v STBC.

The half-time slot also allows us to showcase some of our other programmes and this year included displays from our Academy teams and also Walking Basketball which is becoming a very popular addition to our programme.



FURTHER EDUCATION ACADEMIES
GATESHEAD COLLEGE

Gateshead College partnership with the British Basketball League's most successful franchise, Newcastle Eagles, offers talented players a chance to bring out the best in their basketball performance while studying for a qualification.

Young people can study any of the college's full time school leaver programmes in sport or any other subject, including A-levels and become a member of the Gateshead College Basketball Academy.

Students develop the knowledge and expertise they need to go on to university, straight into work or an apprenticeship and gain a nationally recognised qualification whilst training and competing 10 hours every week with expert coaches that put academics first along with developing them into the best basketball player they can be.

The programme boasts::

- A unique development pathway programme to look after all levels of ability, each with a package of benefits
- Up to £6000 of investment in a training schedule
- Up to £1000 per student to help towards travel, competition entries and kit
- Expert coaching staff trained to the highest level
- Dedicated sport campus and a newly upgraded training and playing facility
- Access to physiotherapy, injury clinics and sport massage
- Partnership with Newcastle Eagles
- Free kit

DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

To make sure all the academy members stay at the top of their game and are able to improve, we've created a unique development programme with a dedicated package of support for each level.

The Gateshead College basketball schedule consists of 2-hour sessions on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Skill development also known as 'the breakfast club' begins at 8:00am where coaches focus on players' individual skill development, then formal training runs 8:45-10:15.

Competitive fixtures take place on a Wednesday afternoon in the AoC North East regional league.



HEAD COACH

Gateshead College Academy is run by Head Coach Drew Lasker and assisted by upcoming coach Liam Waugh.

Drew is part of a dual role in which he is a senior player with the Newcastle Eagles professional club.

He is a 16 year professional veteran along with over 20 years coaching and training experience as he is founder of a training academy in Katy, Texas.

- 16 year European professional
- 20 years coaching and training experience
- Point Loma Nazarene University College Hall of Fame 2018
- Represented England in the 2018 Commonwealth Games
- Master Degree from Northumbria University in Professional Sports Coaching

SEASON 2019/20

In year 2 at the helm, Drew's vision of the programme is slowly coming together. The team saw an improvement in performances in a very competitive AoC.

The academy doubled in size from its previous year and recruiting events were at full capacity.

Teams celebrated signature wins over Middlesborough College and Newcastle University's senior women's team. Unfortunately the programme was abruptly shut down in March due to the pandemic. Training pivotedto online session, which became a huge success for the athletes' skill development and mental wellness.

- Winner of AoC Sport North East league (2011-2012, 2013-2014, & 2015-2016)
- Fifth place Academy Basketball League ABL finish 2015/2016
- Many players representing Newcastle Eagles U18.

FURTHER EDUCATION ACADEMIES
TYNE MET COLLEGE

Tyne Met College run a North East Sports Academy (NESA) across a variety of sports including basketball. The aim of the programme is to allow students to train and learn within a professional arena whilst off the court receiving academic expertise in A levels or vocational subjects, with training slots built in.

The Eagles Community Foundation have partnered up with Tyne Met College to run the NESA programme for over 10 years. The long-standing partnership with the college enhances learning, encouraging performance, determination and team-work whilst mastering the skills for success.

NESA is committed to coaching players of all abilities and genders, in a welcoming, supportive environment that encourages confidence, performance and personal development.

What learners have access to:

- Take on the best in the country in the National EABL Elite Basketball League with the Newcastle Eagles Academy.
- Compete in the AoC North East Regional League on a Wednesday
- Dedicated players have the chance to apply for Free USA scholarship opportunities through unique partnership with Pass4soccer.
- Up to 10 hours of training and competitive matches each week in superb purpose-built facilities.
- Exclusive subsidised training, playing and leisure kits.
- Individually tailored strength and conditioning programmes as well as use of the state-of-the-art sports science lab and rehabilitation support.
- Sport-specific expert workshops in areas such as sport psychology, performance analysis and nutrition.
- Free unlimited access to the Flex Fitness gym. The opportunity to gain basketball-specific coaching and officiating qualifications.
- Access to physiotherapy clinic for injury treatment.
- The chance to enhance employability skills through the NESA leadership academy.
- On-site court facilities for additional training.

HEAD COACH

Shaun Malone continues his dual role at the Eagles Community Foundation where he is the North Tyneside Development Officer promoting and developing basketball within North Tyneside primary and secondary schools alongside his role at the NESA Academy.

Shaun has himself progressed through the player pathway at the Eagles Community Foundation starting as a junior player, progressing to the academy and then into the NESA Basketball Academy. After successfully completing a foundation degree Shaun then joined the Eagles Community Foundation as a community coach.

Shaun's personal experience of life as a student at Tyne Met as well as his understanding of the importance of being a student athlete encourages him to work closely with curriculum staff to ensure that all his NESA learners are firstly achieving in their academic studies and then progressing on the basketball court.

SEASON 2019/2020

The AoC North East Regional League was highly contested with the league being decided on the final day of competition. Tyne Met faced Middlesbrough College in the final fixture with both teams sitting at the top of the league table. Going into the final quarter of the game, only 2 points separated the teams. Unfortunately, due to injuries and Tyne Met getting into foul trouble, it was to be Middlesbrough College that would come out as victors with a 9 point win clinching the title for the season.

4 Tyne Met Players represented the Newcastle Eagles EABL Squad including Edward Boldi, Robert Dodds, James Taylor and Tyrese Nfon.

Jonny Kavanagh and Joan Ducusin have qualified as coaches through the Eagles and Tyne Met partnership and have developed through Shaun's mentoring achieving key roles within the Foundation at both CVL level and in the junior club programme.

This season was another successful year for the off court extra curriculum qualifications for 5 of the students, achieving work placements in CVL.

This year that has seen emphasis on individual player development including breakdown of video analysis with focus on individual statistics, plays and fundamental improvements..

ELITE PERFORMANCE PATHWAY
NEWCASTLE EAGLES ACADEMY

The Newcastle Eagles Academy is the next step up in the player pathway for those with the skill level and ability to excel in the elite level programme.

Each year players attend trials with the top 12 being selected to the team. Those on the cusp of making the team are also invited to attend the coaching sessions as training players.

The age groups represented were U14 boys and girls, U16 boys and girls, U18 Men and U23 Men. Unfortunately, the season had to be cut slightly short due to the lockdown.

UNDER 14 GIRLS

NORTH DIVISION

Head Coach: Ellen Totton

For the second consecutive year an Under 14 Girls team was entered into the National League. With some of last years playing moving up an age group, this gave some new players the chance to step into the fold, giving them their first experience of National League.

Manchester Mystics and Sheffield Hatters dominated the league but the Newcastle Eagles girls had some very convincing wins including 93 – 38 against Mersey Mavericks and 139 – 16 against Stockport Lapwings.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Manchester Mystics	15	0	47
2	Sheffield Hatters	12	1	43
3	Manchester Mystics II	11	5	38
4	Derby Trailblazers	8	8	32
5	Nottingham Wildcats	6	7	29
6	Newcastle Eagles	6	10	28
7	Lancashire Spinners	6	8	26
8	Mersey Mavericks	2	11	21
9	Stockport Lapwings	0	16	16





UNDER 16 GIRLS

CONFERENCE NORTH

Head Coach: Corinne Vaughan

With a group of last year's U14 girls stepping up in age the Eagles were able to enter an U16 girl's teams into the national league. This new group included last years U14 Girls Most Valuable Player Yemisi Mefful, Most Improved Player Ciara Weddle and Best Defensive Player Esra Kandermir.

There were some tight games in the league with Nottingham Wildcats sneaking a 1-point win at their home court but the return leg at the Arena saw the Eagles clinch a 72 – 50 win.

The surprise result was the huge win against City of Sheffield Hatters II with a 108 – 13 stomping win. The Eagles defence was on point in the third quarter, not allowing the Hatters to make a single shot.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Lancashire Spinners	14	1	45
2	Manchester Mystics II	14	2	44
3	City of Sheffield Hatters II	9	6	35
4	Hatfield Flyers	8	6	34
5	Newcastle Eagles	6	9	29
6	Mersey Maverics	4	8	28
7	City of Leeds	4	10	26
8	Liverpool	4	10	26
9	Nottingham Wildcats	2	13	21

CASE STUDY
ELLEN TOTTON



We were delighted that Ellen Totton received the All Girls Inspiring Female of the Year honour from Basketball England.

Ellen has been around the programme for a long time starting out as a junior player, moving through into the national league.

Not only is Ellen a positive coaching role model for the girls in our programme but is also an All Girls ambassador for Basketball England in the North East.

To achieve this whilst studying for an undergraduate degree is no mean feat. Ellen plays a pivotal role in both girl's academy teams.

CASE STUDY
YEMISI MEFFUL



Yemisi Mefful started playing basketball at her after school club at Sacred Heart ran by the Eagles Community Foundation. Her talent was evident at quite an early start and was invited to trial for the North East regional team.

Yemisi then made the transition from school basketball joining Kenton Force basketball club. Although only one of a handful of female players at the club, Yemisi fit straight in, joining the team to compete at CVL every Saturday.

The next step was always going to be an easy choice for the coaches to make as Yemisi was selected to join the Academy and earning 2018/19 Most Valuable Player as voted by her team.

Making a positive impact in the national league gained Yemisi the call up to represent England Under 15s in Spain playing in a triangle tournament against the hosts and Portugal.

Academy coaching, Corinne states, "Yemisi is a very exciting prospect and has made rapid progress after only joining the Eagles Academy in 2018.

"I have coached Yemisi as part of the Academy for the last two years and at regional level before that.



"Her excellent attitude, willingness to learn, made sacrifices and work hard to achieve her goals has enabled her to make great improvements over the last few years.

"Her selection with England is fantastic for the girl's programme and has inspired her teammates and younger players to want to follow in her footsteps.

"Yemisi has taken the opportunities and experiences with England in her stride and I am incredibly proud of what she's achieved.

"I look forward in seeing how she further develops as a player and where her continuous hard work will take her."

UNDER 14 BOYS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION

Head Coach: Calvin George

The U14 boys certainly made their mark in this division. With only 1 game not been played due to lockdown it is highly likely that the boys would have finished with a 10 – 6 record as they were due to meet City of Leeds (Gold) in the final game who they had beat 81 – 43 in December.

From November to January the U14 boys went on a 6 winning streak run including a nail biting 1 point win over York Eagles 61 – 60. The last game included a huge 105 – 49 win against Cheshire Phoenix Juniors. The fixture against Cheshire Wire Green saw both teams step up offensively with a high scoring 107 – 102 win for the Eagles.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Manchester Mystics	14	0	46
2	City of Birmingham Rockets	13	1	44
3	Manchester Giants	10	3	37
4	Newcastle Eagles	9	6	35
5	York Eagles	7	8	31
6	Cheshire Wire Green	4	10	26
7	Cheshire Phoenix Juniors	4	10	25
8	City of Leeds (Gold)	1	12	19
9	Leicester Riders	1	13	16





UNDER 16 BOYS

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION

Head Coach: Jay Hawman

Manchester Magic might have been sat at the top of the tree when the league was cancelled but the Newcastle Eagles were right on their backs.

A dip in form in November saw the Eagles follow it up with a 10 win stretch only being stopped by Manchester Magic. It was only top teams Manchester Magic, City of Birmingham and Trafford that were able to take wins against the Eagles.

Four times in the season the Eagles netted over 100 points including 104 – 60 win against Cheshire Wire and 111 – 79 win against City of Birmingham.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Manchester Magic	19	1	62
2	Newcastle Eagles	16	5	55
3	City of Leeds	16	3	55
4	Trafford	13	6	51
5	City of Birmingham	12	7	47
6	Derby Trailblazers	10	10	44
7	Liverpool Basketball Red	9	9	40
8	Manchester Giants	7	13	38
9	Cheshire Juniors	5	15	34
10	City of Edinburgh	4	17	31
11	Cheshire Wire	4	16	30
12	York Eagles	4	17	24

UNDER 18 MEN

PREMIER NORTH DIVISION

Head Coach: Dan Kovacs

This was to prove a tough season for the U18 men's team who were unable to get a win all season. The first game of the season against QE York Knights was to be a high scoring game for both sides with the Knights cementing a 121 – 91 win; Eagles Okoli claiming 30 points.

The closest game of the season was against Trafford Magic. Magic ended the first quarter with a narrow 2 point lead with the Eagles turning it around to take a 4 point lead at the end of the half. The third quarter turned out to be the decisive one with the Magic taking a 28 – 20 win in the quarter turning the tables back in their favour with a four point lead going into the final quarter. The Magic outscored the Eagles by 1 point in the final 10 minutes, clinching the 78 -73 win.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Manchester Magic	13	0	47
2	City of Edinburgh	13	5	44
3	QE York Knights	11	4	43
4	Durham&Hartlepool Wildcats	10	6	40
5	Myerscough College	10	4	38
6	WL St. Helens	7	6	31
7	Cheshire Wire	5	12	29
8	Trafford Magic	5	10	27
9	Newcastle Eagles	0	14	20
10	City of Leeds	0	13	17





UNDER 23 MEN

DIVISION 3 NORTH

Head Coach: Graham Heath

What a season the U23 men had last year and they didn't disappoint again this year finishing 2nd with only 1 game left not played in the season. The U23s did not experience defeat until the end of January, starting the season with a run of 13 successive wins.

Myerscough College would be the nemesis team for the Eagles winning both the head-to-heads 79 – 61 and 78 – 70.

Lancashire Spinners may have finished top of the pile but when they visited the Eagles home court it was the Eagles who were victors with a 93 – 73 win with home grown talent Sean Murphy netting 31 points.

	TEAM	W	L	PTS
1	Lancashire Spinners	19	3	38
2	Newcastle Eagles U23	16	5	33
3	Tees Valley Mohawks	15	6	31
4	Calderdale Explorers	15	6	31
5	Myerscough College II	14	6	29
6	Teesside Lions	9	10	20
7	Team Sunderland	9	12	19
8	Stockport Flacons	9	12	19
9	Barrow Thorns	7	13	16
10	Tameside	7	14	15
11	Liverpool II	4	17	9
12	Cheshire Wire	0	20	2

OVER 55 ACTIVE AGEING INITIATIVE

The Active Ageing programme is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and The Kellet Fund. The objective of running this initiative is to tackle loneliness and social isolation in people over 55 years.

Since its inception almost 250 sessions have been delivered attracting over 260 individuals. Alongside visits to Your Homes Newcastle and Search Newcastle Schemes, regular sessions at the Arena include Boccia, Table Sports and Walking Basketball.

Two Golden Games took place at the Arena giving a carousel of taster sessions including boccia, table sports, walking basketball, walking handball, table tennis, table cricket, new age Kurling, tennis, softball, cricket, Zumba, seated exercises and strength and conditioning.



All participants also got the chance to have a Health MOT. Other partners were invited to the event to set up stalls in the foyer including, NUFC foundation, community police, Mental Health Concern, Elders Council, Elswick Pool, Information Now, Health Works, St. Oswald's, Newcastle Carers, The Grange and Silverline Memories.



The Foundation signed up to the Chatty Café scheme which means that we have 'Chatter and Natter' tables that people can sit at if they are looking to converse with others. The idea is that if somebody is feeling isolated or lonely in their surroundings they can pop to the Arena and have a cuppa knowing that somebody will be there to have a conversation with.

Newcastle College provided funding to deliver adult sport including those 55 and over. Participants could take part in 6 week blocks of Zumba, seated exercises, table sports, Clubercise and Strength and Conditioning.

CASE STUDY JIM MILNE



82-year-old Jim Milne is always a regular at the Eagles Community Arena and is willing to try any activity that we have going on. Jim lost his wife 2 years ago and became isolated in his home. With the onset of dementia, Jim's local GP signposted him to the Arena. He has become part of the furniture here and always brightens up the place with his beaming smile and his 'get up and go' attitude to life.

Jim said, "One of the reasons why I joined is because I have got dementia and being active is a better way to help you than drugs. Now I have a lot of friends here. We can sit and talk if we don't fancy doing any sport, we all get on really well it's been a good a laugh and it gets us all out the house. I find it not as a saviour but it is now part of my life, it is my life. The staff have also been amazing, they look after you and if you want to know anything they will help. Physically I'm not fast enough anymore but it's exciting playing walking basketball. From taking part in this I can now do things that I couldn't normally do and it's great to get active."

BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
NEWCASTLE EAGLES

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	COLLEGE	HEIGHT	POSITION
1	Rodney	Glasgow Junior	Virginia Military Institute	5'11"	Point Guard
2	Mike	Morsell	Towson	6' 6"	Forward
4	Themba	Yabantu	Gateshead College	5'11"	Point Guard
8	Will	Saunders	Charleston Southern	6'7"	Wing
9	Sauveur	Kande	Gateshead College	6'4"	Forward
10	Sade	Aded Hussein		6'10"	Forward / Centre
13	Darius	Defoe	Hackney College	6'8"	Forward
16	Eddie	Matthew	Northumbria University	6'3"	Guard
21	Andrew	Lasker	Point Loma Nazarene	6'3"	Guard
23	Kai	Williams	South Dakota State	6'6"	Forward
33	Nick	Schlitzer	Thomas Jefferson	6'6"	Guard / Forward
34	CJ	Gettys	Rutgers	7'00"	Centre
44	Rahmon	Fletcher	Green Bay	5'10"	Point Guard



BBL & WBBL CLUB HISTORY

SEASON	DIV	POS	PLD	W	L	PTS	PLAY OFFS	TROPHY	CUP
1996–1997	BBL	7th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	1st Round	Semi-final
1997–1998	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Quarter-final	Semi-final	4th Round
1998–1999	BBL	5th	36	21	15	42	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
1999–2000	BBL N	6th	36	10	26	10	DNQ	Quarter-final	1st Round
2000–2001	BBL N	3rd	36	20	16	40	1st Round	Runner-up	Quarter-final
2001–2002	BBL N	3rd	32	17	15	34	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2002–2003	BBL	5th	40	25	15	50	Semi-final	Semi-final	Quarter-final
2003–2004	BBL	6th	36	18	18	36	Quarter-final	1st Round	Quarter-final
2004–2005	BBL	2nd	40	31	9	62	Winners	Winners	Semi-final
2005–2006	BBL	1st	40	30	10	60	Winners	Winners	Winners
2006–2007	BBL	3rd	36	25	11	50	Winners	Runner-up	Semi-final
2007–2008	BBL	1st	33	29	4	58	Semi-final	Runner-up	Runner-up
2008–2009	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Winners	Winners	Runner-up
2009–2010	BBL	1st	36	31	5	62	Semi-final	Winners	Quarter-final
2010–2011	BBL	2nd	33	24	9	48	Semi-final	Semi-final	Semi-final
2011–2012	BBL	1st	30	23	7	46	Winners	Winners	Winners
2012–2013	BBL	2nd	33	25	8	50	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2013–2014	BBL	1st	33	28	5	56	Runner-up	Quarter-final	Runner-up
2014–2015	BBL	1st	36	31	5	58	Winners	Winners	Winners
2015–2016	BBL	2nd	33	28	5	56	1st Round	Runner-up	Winners
2016–2017	BBL	2nd	33	23	10	46	Runner-up	Quarter final	Winners
2017–2018	BBL	3rd	33	22	11	44	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Quarter-final
2018–2019	BBL	3rd	33	21	12	42	Quarter-final	Quarter-final	Semi-final
	WBBL	7th	22	10	12	20	Quarter-final	Group Stages	Quarter-final
2019–2020	BBL	Season cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic						Winners	Quarter-final
	WBBL	Season cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic						1st-Round	Semi-final






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WOMEN'S BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
NEWCASTLE EAGLES

#	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	COLLEGE	HEIGHT	POSITION
3	Giulia	Simioni	Florida Southern	5'7	Point Guard
6	Millie	Oates	Sheffield	5'7	Guard
7	Lisa	Koop	BLK Slavia Prague	6'6	Centre
8	Rachael	Bland	Lakehead University	5'9	Guard
12	Georgia	Ohrdorf	Metropolitan State	6'0	Forward
14	Orieoma	Chukwu-Etu	Newcastle University	5'7	Guard
16	Mollie	Arnold	City of Leeds	5'8	Guard
17	Ruth	Thornley	Northumbria University	5'9	Guard
21	Mante	Kvederaviciute	Rutronik Stars Keltern	6'1	Forward
24	Anja	Fuchs-Robetin	Florida Southern	6'2	Forward



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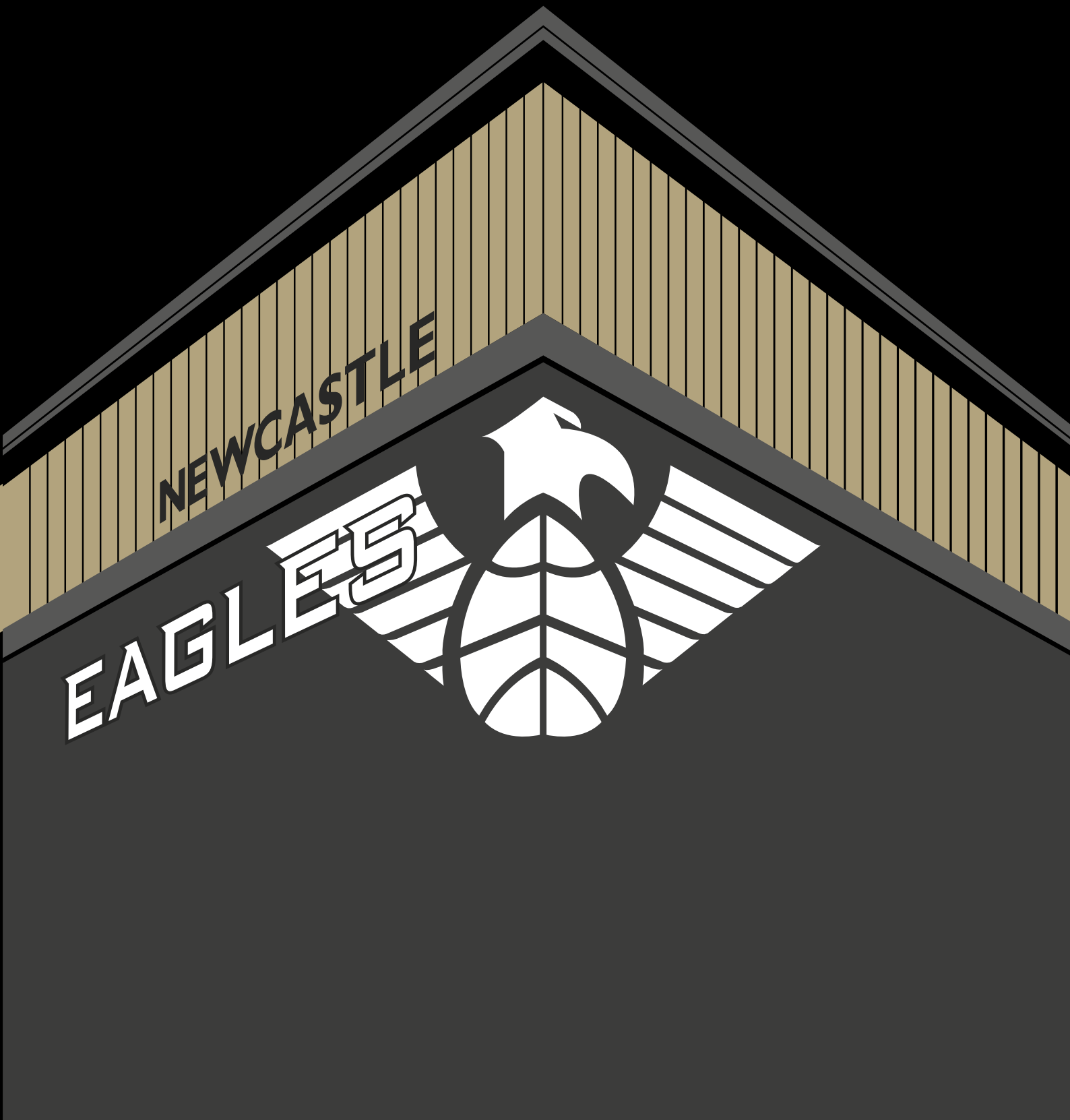
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EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 July 2020

Charity number : 1112997
Company number : 05400969

Eagles Community Foundation

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Eagles Community Foundation
Message from the Chair
Year ended 31 July 2020

Our first full year in the Eagles Community Arena began the way we had all hoped, with the conclusion of a number of projects around the new building and all parts of the business from events to sports provision, food and beverage provision and services for the local community all coming to fruition.

This culminated in our most successful week in the building in February 2020, including two sold out Eagles home games, a sold out GB basketball international against Germany and a highly successful boxing event.

We are all aware of what followed with the advent of COVID 19 and as we know it has been an extremely difficult year for everyone, on both a personal and work level. The Foundation has had to navigate unchartered territory and has mitigated risks, including the unfortunate but necessary decision to make redundancies, reduce utility and running costs, operate the building on skeleton staffing and the support of Eagles volunteers and the training of staff for new responsibilities.

The Foundation staff were successful in arranging payment holidays on long term loans with payment plans in place to further mitigate risk.

On a very positive note, the Foundation were able to negotiate an Arena Naming Rights deal with Vertu Motor Group, with five years of significant income, helping the charity through this difficult period and laying foundations for future growth.

The Arena has been proud to support the city as a key Vaccination Centre, being a main site for the city. Education has played a large important part in keeping the arena open with our partnership with Newcastle College.

The Foundation has also worked hard to create the right conditions for a 'Return to Play' the core sports in the facility. At the date of writing this more than 850 members have returned to the junior programme. The team continued its outreach with an inventive online delivery of Hoops4Health, delivering a virtual programme into regional schools.

Looking forward the newly named Vertu Motors Arena is looking like it will burst back into life. Existing bookings suggest it will be incredibly busy and the focus is now on the 2022 diary.

There has been an incredible amount of hard work by Foundation employees and support from partners and the local community in turning a corner from the previous set audit. The past five months has witnessed the turning point from covid-19 crisis management to securing the future with guaranteed income and contracts.

Paul Blake **28 May 2021**

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2020,which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The organisation is a Public Benefit Entity within the definitions of s34 FRS 102.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The aims of our services

to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing basketball
to provide facilities for sport and recreation for people who need such facilities
to advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees see fit.

The trustees are satisfied that in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines, Eagles Community Foundation meet the public benefit requirements. The trustees have regard to this guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Response to COVID 19

On Friday 20th March 2020 the arena closed its doors to the public for the first time since opening on January 11th 2019. The Foundation made a strategic decision to place staff on furlough via the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to help protect jobs and retain staff. This scheme was pivotal in protecting as many Foundation jobs as possible with the doors to the arena and Foundation work being shut due to the government restrictions.

Our response started with the Foundation offering local frontline organisations the use of the arena should it be needed. The senior management team and board recognised the building could serve in various ways during this time of need, so made the early calls in March 2020 to offer direct support.

No one had any idea the impact Covid-19 would have upon everyone in the UK and indeed across the world but our story starts and stays local; how can we support our beloved local community.

The first call came in April as the arena was needed as a distribution centre for RISE as they took possession of resources to send out Easter activity packs for young people most in need. The RISE team spent a week at the arena as they packed the resources and distributed them out, we understand this work supported 10,000 local young people.

The second opportunity to support came through staff members who were able to join the City Lifeline progamme as they volunteered to support shielded and vulnerable residents with shopping and prescription supplies. Over thirty percent of the Eagles full time members of staff supported the programme.

The third response came via Newcastle City Council as the arena became a Covid-19 testing centre based in the car park. The British Military set up marquees in the car park when needed with access to the building for welfare services. As the Foundation staff were on furlough the club stepped up to support the opening of the building for the Military with the Foundation Chairman Paul Blake and Sales and Communication Manager Dan Black taking over responsibility for the arena.

Response to COVID 19 – continued

The next call came in June with the need for the Arena in July and August as a base for Streetgames, supported by key staff from Newcastle City Council. The main arena hall was needed for the six week summer holiday period to support the distribution of food and resources to young people on free school meals across the city. Over the six weeks £1 million of resources based at the arena were packed and sent out to families.

During September Newcastle College returned to education along with new tenants the Military Preparation Training College, approximately 200 students became based at the arena Monday to Friday utilising classrooms and the sports hall for court delivery.

Our junior members were able to return in September along with strict covid-19 rules in place to ensure safety during the sessions. In total more than 600 juniors returned to weekly sessions based out of 8 community sites and the arena. The Eagles junior league returned with friendly games between club sites, assisted with parents taking on vital covid-19 duties to ensure the safe transition through the arena in between games.

The return of the Eagles senior teams with the BBL and WBBL also took place during September as the seasons started. The arena risk assessments and event planning had to be robust to ensure a safe environment for all and maintaining team bubbles whilst on site. The return of the BBL to Sky TV led to the arena being live on Sky Sports throughout the season, as the club and Foundation worked to maintain a safe environment for all parties on site.

During December the arena switched into a vaccination site for Newcastle General Practice Services as one of two sites in the city. The first vaccination clinic witnessed 975 people over the age of 80 benefiting from the vaccine. The relationship with NGPS has continued and the arena is expected to be required up until September 2021 with up to 9000 people per week visiting for their vaccination. The vaccination clinics are able to run alongside tenants utilising the arena for education and sport ensuring all programmes are in operation serving our community.

A major development during the covid-19 pandemic has been the Foundation agreeing a naming rights deal with Vertu Motors to rename the Eagles Community Arena to the Vertu Motors Arena. A five year commitment to the Foundation has provided a large investment to the business plan partnering with one of the largest UK companies in its sector that originated only a small distance from the arena itself.

Throughout the pandemic the board of trustees have strived to continue the charities objectives to support the local community building relationship with new partners and reinforcing existing partnerships.

Plans for the future

The Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team are driving a Business Plan with key strategic priorities which include:

1. Increase delivery within the community

The junior membership and subscription software system provides a bespoke platform for the growth of junior clubs and junior league. The aim is to continue to strategically grow the membership and fill capacity levels within club sites. This growth will enable an increased income without increased expenditure enabling the reinvestment within the outreach programme.

2. Events at Vertu Motors Arena

Drive an events schedule which compliments the needs of the community and provides revenue to reinvest in programmes to benefit the aims and objectives of the Foundation.

Response to COVID 19 – continued

1. Improve communication

The Senior Management team recognise the Foundation internal and external communications need to be improved. A Communication Strategy is a priority moving forwards to increase engagement, not only with those in need, but also those who will benefit from our programmes, alongside organisations with a similar ethos to develop our partnerships.

Annual highlights 2019/20

Little Dribblers is the first rung of the ladder in the player pathway aimed at children aged 5 – 9 year old. In most cases this is the first experience that the children will have had with basketball. 15 schools across Tyne and Wear were included in the programme with over 1000 children being coached. Basketball is a sport that can support the fundamental movement skills; running, jumping, throwing and catch and can be used to improve hand-eye coordination.

Hoops 4 Health continues to be the flagship primary school programme that the Eagles Community Foundation run. Although the programme was cut short due to the pandemic, almost seventy schools were able to take part in the programme benefitting over 4000 pupils. The partners involved during the year included Change4Life, Gateshead Housing Company, Newcastle City Council, Northumbria Health Care Trust Hospital Volunteer Service, Northumbrian Water and Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit. The 'healthy living' roadshow allows us to help children understand how to lead a healthier lifestyle including stations in fitness and the body, this is me – feeling good, healthy eating and basketball.

The Change4Life programme gives us an opportunity to work with targeted schools all year round instilling the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and keeping active. The delivery is across all year groups in 9 primary schools in the East End of Newcastle. Before the lockdown almost 300 children took part in the after-school clubs between September and March and over 500 children received curriculum coaching.

The foundation provides one of the biggest basketball club development programmes in the country. The growth of the clubs is led by the delivery of the school programme where pupils can transition from. Even though the season was cut short due to the pandemic, some clubs saw a substantial growth in memberships. Cardinal Hornets cemented themselves as one of the biggest junior development clubs with 180 junior members. The growth of development clubs remains the foundation's main focus.

The Central Venue League provides club players with the opportunity to play competitive games against other teams on a weekend based at the Vertu Motors Arena. Any player that is interested in being a part of a team gets the opportunity to play as no trials are held making it a fully inclusive league for players of all abilities. With a concentration in delivery in schools at a younger age, this has seen a boom in team entries at the lower age groups. 73 teams in total were entered into the league across the different age groups; U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s and U18s.

The Newcastle Eagles Academy is the next step up in the player pathway for those with the skill level and ability to excel in the elite level programme. Age groups represented include U14 boys and girls, U16 boys and girls, U18s men and U23 men. Two teams who excelled this season included the U16 boys and U23 men who finished 2nd in their league. Two Eagles players made a positive impact within the national league gaining a call up to represent England with Yemisi Mefful selected for U15s and Sauveur Kande U18s.

The Active Ageing programme's objective is to tackle loneliness and social isolation in people over 55 years. Since the start of the programme almost 250 sessions have been delivered attracting over 260 individuals. Two Golden Games took place offering a carousel of taster sessions for people to try new sports.

Events

Highlighting a few of the events the arena staged during the year shows the variety to of local and regional needs:

- Great Britain vs Germany, FIBA Level 1 game
- NOF Offshore Wind North East Conference and Exhibition 2019
- Federation of Small Business Awards Dinner
- Northumbrian Water GEMS Dinner
- Newcastle Central Mosque EID
- Northern Regions Jazz Band Tournament
- Vertu Honda Staff Awards
- Islamic Relief Theatre

The arena during the year staged more than 140 events until, a large number in the diary were either cancelled or postponed following the lockdown on March 20th due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Financial review

The accounts show net incoming resources for the year amounting to £72,879 (2019: £1,069,628). There is a deficit on unrestricted funding of £13,111 and a surplus on restricted funding of £85,990.

Risk Management

Risks to the charity have been identified and reviewed on an ongoing basis, and appropriate action taken. This has included ensuring appropriate insurance cover, identifying physical risks such as uneven surfaces, reviewing fire safety systems and training staff, ensuring staff have first aid training, and undertaking a general health and safety risk assessment throughout our premises.

Reserves policy

The trustees have a target to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of total charitable expenditure. At this level of unrestricted reserves, the charity could maintain all operations for three months even if no income was being generated. Free reserves were in deficit at the year-end following the completion of the arena.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 22 March 2005. It registered with the Charity Commission on 15 February 2006. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association as amended by special Resolution dated 26 October 2005 which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee.

Structure, governance and management - continued

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity.

All new trustees receive a trustee welcome pack, which contains key policies, strategic plans, code of conduct etc. They also receive induction time with the Chief Executive and opportunities to visit services and activities as well as access to any relevant training.

The Management Committee at 31st July 2020 was made up of 7 trustees. The Management Committee meet on a quarterly basis and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A line management system is in place with day to day responsibility for the management of the organisation resting with the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met. Day to day operational management is headed by individual team members using the reporting structures and line management to finally report to the Chief Executive and trustees.

Post balance events notice; the effect of Covid-19

The trustees believe the potential damaging financial effects of Covid-19 have been mitigated. Measures and actions adopted have been set out in note 19 to the accounts.

Going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. As set out in the post balance sheet events note to the accounts, the material uncertainties around this arising from the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 reported in last year's financial statements have been mitigated. The trustees believe going concern is the correct basis of accounting.

Reference and administrative information

Trustees

Malcolm Dix	
Paul Blake	
Eric Wilson	
Jeffrey King	
Su Cumming	
David Forrester	
Alan Younger	
Stephen Savage	Appointed 10 December 2020
Rob Page	Appointed 10 December 2020

Chief Executive
Samantha Blake

Principal address
Vertu Motors Arena, Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AF

Auditor
Stephenson Coates Audit Limited, West 2 Asama Court, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle NE4 7YD

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Management Committee and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).
Company law 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 charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors
In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors and the auditor that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



P Blake - Chair **28 May 2021**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eagles Community Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 July 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least 12 months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

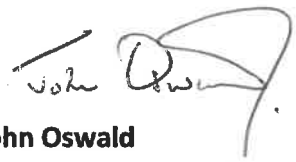
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



John Oswald
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28 May 2021

Eagles Community Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 July 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
		£	£	£	*£*
Income					
Donations	2	**12,968**	**-**	**12,968**	*1,963*
Grants	3	**41,292**	**325,248**	**366,540**	*1,428,911*
Charitable activities	4	**178,738**	**63,463**	**242,201**	*244,537*
Other	5	**324,417**	**-**	**324,417**	*277,994*
Total income		**557,415**	**388,711**	**946,126**	*1,953,405*
Expenditure on:					
Direct costs		**67,366**	**120,888**	**188,254**	*176,912*
Charitable activities		**503,160**	**181,833**	**684,993**	*706,865*
Total expenditure	6	**570,526**	**302,721**	**873,247**	*883,777*
Net income (expenditure)		**(13,111)**	**85,990**	**72,879**	*1,069,628*
Transfers between funds		**-**	**-**	**-**	*-*
Net movement in funds		**(13,111)**	**85,990**	**72,879**	*1,069,628*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**3,534,175**	**7,190**	**3,541,365**	*2,471,737*
Total funds carried forward		**3,521,064**	**93,180**	**3,614,244**	*3,541,365*

Eagles Community Foundation
Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2020

	Notes		2020		*2019*
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		**6,882,533**		*6,933,651*
Investments	9		**1**		*1*
Total fixed assets			**6,882,534**		*6,933,652*
Current assets					
Debtors	10	**65,558**		*165,928*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**148,422**		*41,824*	
Total current assets		**213,980**		*207,752*	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	**370,178**		*555,165*	
Net current liabilities			**(156,198)**		*(347,413)*
Total net assets			**6,726,336**		*6,586,239*
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12		**3,112,092**		*3,044,874*
			3,614,244		*3,541,365*
The funds of the charity					
Restricted funds			**93,180**		*7,190*
Unrestricted funds			**3,521,064**		*3,534,175*
Total charity funds	13		**3,614,244**		*3,541,365*

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Approved by the Management Committee on 28 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by



P Blake

Eagles Community Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended 31 July 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	**72,879**	*1,069,628*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	**69,456**	*58,838*
Loss on asset disposal	**-**	*204*
Interest payable and similar charges		*125,608*
Changes in:		
Trade and other debtors	**100,370**	*15,871*
Trade and other creditors	**(148,618)**	*(358,077)*
Net cash from operating activities	**94,087**	*912,072*
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment in subsidiary	**-**	*(1)*
Purchase of fixed assets	**(18,338)**	*(3,367,715)*
Net cash used by investing activities	**(18,338)**	*(3,367,715)*
Cash flows from financing activities		
Borrowings	**50,000**	*2,201,463*
Repayment of borrowings	**(19,151)**	*(32,324)*
Interest paid	**-**	*(60)*
Net cash from financing activities	**30,849**	*2,169,079*
Change in cash balances in year	**106,598**	*(286,564)*
Bank and cash balances brought forward	**41,824**	*328,388*
Bank and cash balances carried forward	**148,422**	*41,824*

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

The directors have prepared the accounts on the basis that the company is a going concern.

Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.
- Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the funder, donor or through the terms of an appeal.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, is accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period it is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Expenditure on raising funds comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- Expenditure on charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Depreciation
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life

Building	None	See below
Fixtures and fittings – Arena seating	4%	On cost
Fixtures and fittings – Other	15%	Reducing balance
Computers	33%	On cost

The board have agreed that the building will serve its first 5 years without asset depreciation, given the build quality and ongoing maintenance levels experienced to date. Following this period the board have agreed to depreciate the building over a 50 year period.

2. Donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 £	*2019 £*
Gift aid	**8,132**	**-**	**8,132**	-
Donations	**4,836**	**-**	**4,836**	*1,963*
	12,968	**-**	**12,968**	*1,963*

3. Grants

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 £	*2019 £*
Grants				
Job retention scheme	-	**165,482**	**165,482**	-
NELEP	-	**55,000**	**55,000**	-
Sport England	-	**7,837**	**7,837**	*1,260,000*
Community Foundation	**31,292**	-	**31,292**	*29,000*
Reece Group	-	-	-	*75,000*
Make the East Lean/Change for Life	-	**36,214**	**36,214**	*35,529*
Other	-	**6,520**	**6,520**	*19,382*
Northumbria Healthcare Trust	**10,000**	-	**10,000**	*10,000*
Hoops for Health	-	**8,000**	**8,000**	-
Postcode Lottery	-	**20,000**	**20,000**	-
National Lottery	-	**19,475**	**19,475**	-
Basketball England	-	**6,720**	**6,720**	-
	41,292	**325,248**	**366,540**	*1,428,911*

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 £	*2019 £*
Hoops for Health	-	**63,463**	**63,463**	*78,918*
League and clubs	**137,468**	-	**137,468**	*92,631*
School of Excellence	**40,243**	-	**40,243**	*58,621*
Education	**1,027**	-	**1,027**	*14,367*
	178,738	**63,463**	**242,201**	*244,537*

5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 £	*2019 £*
Arena income	**4,239**	**-**	**4,239**	*594*
Catering profit	**57,470**	**-**	**57,470**	*26,488*
Consultancy (note 18)	**206,976**	**-**	**206,976**	*163,154*
Fundraising	**-**	**-**	**-**	*19,060*
Coaching	**49,581**	**-**	**49,581**	*53,363*
Other	**6,151**	**-**	**6,151**	*15,335*
	324,417	**-**	**324,417**	*277,994*

6. Charitable expenditure

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 £	*2019 £*
Activity costs	**67,366**	**-**	**67,366**	*114,316*
Direct costs	**-**	**120,888**	**120,888**	*76,976*
Staff costs	**230,792**	**181,833**	**412,625**	*343,478*
Pension	**8,197**	**-**	**8,197**	*6,748*
Establishment costs	**109,792**	**-**	**109,792**	*90,117*
Office costs	**24,692**	**-**	**24,692**	*20,188*
Subscriptions	**-**	**-**	**-**	*3,931*
Sundry	**2,576**	**-**	**2,576**	*1,137*
Depreciation	**69,456**	**-**	**69,456**	*58,838*
Loss on disposals	**-**	**-**	**-**	*204*
From governance	**-**	**-**	**-**	*27,199*
Governance				
Legal and professional fees	**16,711**	**-**	**16,711**	*30,143*
Audit	**2,500**	**-**	**2,500**	*2,500*
Accountancy	**7,904**	**-**	**7,904**	*3,188*
Bank charges	**9,273**	**-**	**9,273**	*6,405*
Interest	**21,267**	**-**	**21,267**	*125,608*
Reallocate to support	**-**	**-**	**-**	*(27,199)*
	570,526	**302,721**	**873,247**	*883,777*

7. Staff costs and remuneration of key management

	2020	*2019*
	£	*£*
Salaries	498,354	*421,898*
Social security	26,388	*21,250*
Other pension costs	8,197	*6,748*
	532,939	*449,896*

The average number of employees during the year was 61 (2019 – 43) with all employee time involved in providing either support to the governance of the charity or support services to charitable activities.

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees, chief executive officer and chief operating officer. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £73,199.

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Building	Fixtures and Equipment	IT	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 August 2019	6,165,625	818,646	8,218	6,992,489
Additions	-	17,023	1,315	18,338
At 31 July 2020	6,165,625	835,669	9,533	7,010,827
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2019	-	56,373	2,465	58,838
Charge for year	-	66,310	3,146	69,456
At 31 July 2020	-	122,683	5,611	128,294
Net Book Value				
At 31 July 2020	6,165,625	712,986	3,922	6,882,533
At 31 August 2019	*6,165,625*	*762,273*	*5,753*	*6,933,651*

9. Investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Eagles Community Arena Limited		
10 Ordinary shares of £1 (note 18)	1	1

10. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Commercial debtors	5,794	22,523
Grants receivable	33,391	-
Other debtors	19,714	18,825
Accrued income	-	47,759
Amount owed by Eagles Community Arena Limited (note 18)	6,659	76,821
	65,558	165,928

11. Creditors : amounts falling due in one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Loan	90,912	132,005
Hire purchase	13,075	8,351
Trade creditors	70,394	173,019
Taxation and social security	43,143	24,540
Other creditors	9,650	1,821
Accruals	143,004	215,429
	370,178	555,165

12. Creditors : amounts falling due after one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Loan - within 1 to 2 years	167,695	265,011
Loan – within 3 to 5 years	210,026	268,838
Loan – after five years	2,715,526	2,481,958
Hire purchase	18,845	29,067
	3,112,092	3,044,874

13. Total charity funds

	At 1 August 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2020
Unrestricted	£	£	£	£	£
General	3,534,175	557,415	570,526	-	3,521,064
Restricted					
Building	-	62,837	-	-	62,837
Activities	7,190	325,874	302,721	-	30,343
	7,190	388,711	302,721	-	93,180
	3,541,365	946,125	873,247	-	3,614,244

14. Analysis of net asset between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	*Total Funds 2019*
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	6,882,534	-	6,882,534	*6,933,652*
Current assets	120,800	93,180	213,980	*207,752*
Creditors less than 1 year	(370,178)	-	(370,178)	*(555,165)*
Creditors greater than 1 year	(3,112,092)	-	(3,112,092)	*(3,044,874)*
Net assets	3,521,064	93,180	3,614,244	*3,541,365*

15. Secured loans

Hire purchase agreements are secured upon the assets to which they relate.

An advance by the City of Newcastle Council is secured on the building. The Council is the freeholder and has granted a 250 year lease to the charity for the site.

16. Limited by guarantee

Eagles Community Foundation is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

17. Auditors remuneration

	2020	*2019*
	£	*£*
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	**2,500**	*2,500*

18. Related parties

During the year the company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Transaction value		Balance owed by/(owed to)	
	2020	2019	**2020**	2019
	£	£	**£**	£
Eagles Community Arena Limited	**206,976**	*162,479*	**6,659**	*76,821*
Newcastle Eagles Basketball Club Ltd	**28,000**	*16,667*	**4,913**	*12,842*
Geoffrey Forrester and Co Solicitors	**--**	-	**(87,000)**	*(100,000)*

Eagles Community Arena Limited is a 100% owned subsidiary of Eagles Community Foundation.

The company charged Eagles Community Arena Limited £206,976 in the year in respect of management charges, reducing the subsidiary's profits to £nil. Consolidated accounts have not been prepared as all the subsidiary's activities are reflected in the company's accounts.

Paul Blake is majority shareholder of Newcastle Eagles Basketball Club Ltd. The club rent the facility from Eagles Community Foundation to the sum of £40,000 including VAT for a full season of home matches, training and an office space. Rent for 2020 was reduced pro-rata in line with arena closures.

Geoffrey Forrester and Co Solicitors have provided a loan to Eagles Community Foundation. Geoffrey Forrester is the father of David Forrester, a trustee of the Foundation.

19. Post balance sheet events

The company has since the balance sheet date continued to face problems with the Covid-19 pandemic and UK government restrictions. Various actions and events have taken place which have successfully mitigated the effects of Covid-19 on the organisation.

The Job Retention Scheme was used to maintain and support staff. There were redundancies to save costs. Closing the building in line with UK government guidelines resulted in major cost savings. These actions as well as successfully applying for a Bounce Back loan has protected cash reserves.

All lenders have now agreed a rescheduling of loans which assists cashflow. Every lender has been supportive.

The arena is now back providing facilities for clubs enjoying increased membership numbers.

The building has been renamed following an agreement with a long term sponsor. Income will be generated over a five year period from the agreement which started in April 2021. Additional revenues have been earned from providing facilities to the NHS in the fight against Covid-19.

The actions of management on cost savings and generating new revenue streams which have taken place subsequent to the yearend have resulted in the company being in a more financially healthy position than previously envisaged. The material uncertainty on going concern noted in last year's financial statements is no longer an issue.