



*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 league.

**1533** registered junior players.

**1400+** competing 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.

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# Eagles Player Pathway

24 PLAYERS 2 TEAMS	 SUPER LEAGUE BASKETBALL TEAMS 	SENIOR ELITE
12 PLAYERS 1 TEAM	 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL	SENIOR PERFORMANCE
18 PLAYERS 1 TEAM	 COLLEGE BASKETBALL LEAGUE 	U19 PERFORMANCE
60 PLAYERS 3 TEAMS	 GATESHEAD COLLEGE  ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES LEAGUE 	U19 DEVELOPMENT
122 PLAYERS 9 TEAMS	 EAGLES NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE 	U14-U18 PATHWAY
80 PLAYERS	EAGLES PRE-EAGLES ACADEMY 	U12/U13 OPPORTUNITIES
2000 PLAYERS 165 TEAMS	 EAGLES JUNIOR LEAGUE CLUBS	DEVELOPMENT U8-U18
7000+ YOUNG PEOPLE	EAGLES SENIOR SCHOOL PROGRAMME / EAGLES JUNIOR SCHOOL PROGRAMME	CLUB LINKS

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

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



### GATESHEAD

1<sup>st</sup> Kells Lane Primary   2<sup>nd</sup> Fellside Primary  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fellside Primary   3<sup>rd</sup> Kells Lane Primary



### SUNDERLAND

1<sup>st</sup> Farrington Academy   2<sup>nd</sup> Barnes Junior  
3<sup>rd</sup> East Herrington   3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Avenue



### SOUTH TYNESIDE

1<sup>st</sup> Stanhope Primary   2<sup>nd</sup> St Bedes RC Primary



### NORTH TYNESIDE

1<sup>st</sup> Preston Grange Primary   2<sup>nd</sup> Valley Gardens Middle  
3<sup>rd</sup> Valley Gardens Middle   3<sup>rd</sup> Marden Bridge Middle



### NORTHUMBERLAND

1<sup>st</sup> Ovingham Primary   2<sup>nd</sup> New Delaval Primary  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dr Tomlinson CofE Primary   3<sup>rd</sup> 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

NE 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**



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# PRIMARY EDUCATION: TO BE INSPIRED

## STEM Programme

SUPPORTED BY



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.

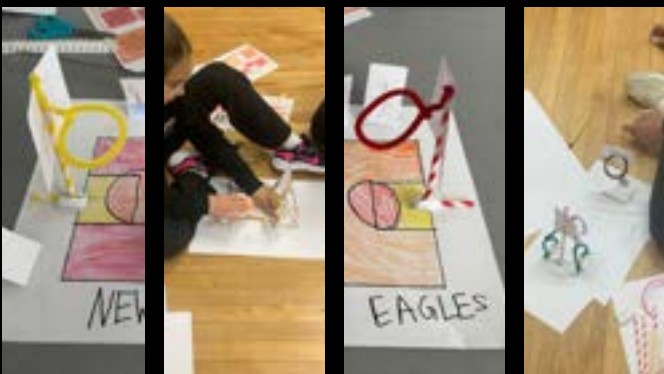
The students work as a team in their 'business' to design and draw a basketball court, in line with the measurements given to them in their information pack:

- 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		Northumberland	
Cardinal Hornets U6-U18	216	Cramlington Vikings U10-U18	189
Whickham Royals U8-U18	189	Morpeth U12-U18	72
Ryton Rockets U10-U18	83	Ponteland U10-U16	89
Newcastle		North Tyneside	
Gosforth Goliaths U10-U18	227	North Shields U10-U18	167
Kenton Force U12-U18	131	Tyne Met Tigers U12-14	129
East Griffins U10-U18	107	South Tyneside	
West Hoopstars U10-U18	159	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: U12's, 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*



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



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“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



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.

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.

# FRP

Corporate  
Finance

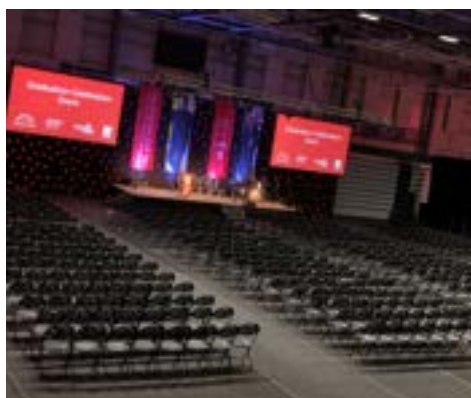


# Events at Vertu Motors ARENA

## 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.







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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**

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<b>Trustees</b>	Paul Blake, Chair Eric Wilson Jeffrey King Susan Cumming David Forrester Alan Younger Stephen Savage Daniel Cooper
<b>Company registered number</b>	05400969
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1112997
<b>Registered office</b>	Eagles Community (Vertu Motors) Arena Clumber Street Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE4 7AF
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<b>Chief executive officer</b>	Samantha Blake
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<b>Bankers</b>	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**

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**Paul Blake**

**Chair**

Date:

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## **EAGLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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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:

- o Full-size courts for community hire
- o Training facilities for grassroots and amateur teams
- o Space for hosting local tournaments and events

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##### **2. Grassroots and Community Programs**

The Foundation operates basketball sessions for all ages and abilities, including:

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

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##### **3. Inclusive and Targeted Outreach**

The Foundation actively engages underrepresented groups by:

- o Offering sessions in deprived communities
- o Supporting initiatives for disabled people and those with mental health challenges
- o Working with local councils and charities to remove barriers to access

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##### **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

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**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 programme.

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 Sleafy 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 £3,368,240 (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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**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**

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**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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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**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 (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

for and on behalf of  
**Kinnair Associates Limited**

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors

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28 April 2026



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

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>					
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
<b>Total income</b>		<b>76,207</b>	<b>1,747,299</b>	<b>1,823,506</b>	<b>1,895,477</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	-	210,111	210,111	238,130
Charitable activities	8	117,427	1,688,993	1,806,420	1,788,062
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>117,427</b>	<b>1,899,104</b>	<b>2,016,531</b>	<b>2,026,192</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>		<b>(41,220)</b>	<b>(151,805)</b>	<b>(193,025)</b>	<b>(130,715)</b>
Transfers between funds	20	6,755	(6,755)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(34,465)</b>	<b>(158,560)</b>	<b>(193,025)</b>	<b>(130,715)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
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)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>3,368,240</b>	<b>3,368,240</b>	<b>3,561,265</b>

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

The notes on pages 22 to 41 form part of these financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 JULY 2025**

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

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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**Paul Blake**  
 Trustee

The notes on pages 22 to 41 form part of these financial statements.

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**COMPANY BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 JULY 2025**

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

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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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 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations	-	35,860	35,860
Basketball Challenge Tournament	-	15,519	15,519
Dinner Fundraiser	-	4,241	4,241
Other	-	96	96
<b>Grants</b>			
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)**

	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
<b>Donations</b>			
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
<b>Grants</b>			
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
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,150</b>
	<b>104,378</b>	<b>56,977</b>	<b>161,355</b>

**4. Income from charitable activities**

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

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4. Income from charitable activities (continued)

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

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Event and court hire	352,492	<b>352,492</b>	345,992
Food and beverage sales	440,161	<b>440,161</b>	513,195
	<u>792,653</u>	<u><b>792,653</b></u>	<u>859,187</u>

6. Other incoming resources

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Sponsorship income	100,000	<b>100,000</b>	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**

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

**Analysis of support costs**

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

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



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**9. Governance costs**

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

**10. Auditors' remuneration**

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

**11. Staff costs**

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

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

	<b>Group</b> <b>2025</b> No.	<i>Group</i> <i>2024</i> No.	<b>Company</b> <b>2025</b> No.	<i>Company</i> <i>2024</i> No.
Average number of employees	<b>163</b>	158	<b>163</b>	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 £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>				
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
<b>Depreciation</b>				
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
<b>Net book value</b>				
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**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<b>Group 2024 £</b>
Finished goods and goods for resale	<b>5,574</b>	<b>5,575</b>

**16. Debtors**

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

**17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

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

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<b>Group 2024 £</b>	<b>Company 2025 £</b>	<b>Company 2024 £</b>
Other loans	<b>3,140,352</b>	<b>2,990,510</b>	<b>3,140,352</b>	<b>2,990,510</b>

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

**Between one and two years**

**Between two and five years**

Other loans	<b>88,663</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,663</b>	<b>-</b>
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**Over five years**

Other loans	<b>3,051,689</b>	<b>2,990,510</b>	<b>3,051,689</b>	<b>2,990,510</b>
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The aggregate amount of liabilities payable or repayable wholly or in part more than five years after the reporting date is:

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<b>Group 2024 £</b>	<b>Company 2025 £</b>	<b>Company 2024 £</b>
Payable or repayable by instalments	<b>3,051,689</b>	<b>2,990,510</b>	<b>3,051,689</b>	<b>2,990,510</b>
	<b>3,051,689</b>	<b>2,990,510</b>	<b>3,051,689</b>	<b>2,990,510</b>

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**

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

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

**20. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

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

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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**

	<i>Balance at 1 August 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 July 2024 £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds	<u>3,691,980</u>	<u>1,757,655</u>	<u>(1,922,835)</u>	<u>3,526,800</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
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)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>137,822</u>	<u>(103,357)</u>	<u>34,465</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u><u>3,691,980</u></u>	<u><u>1,895,477</u></u>	<u><u>(2,026,192)</u></u>	<u><u>3,561,265</u></u>

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**21. Summary of funds**

**Summary of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 August 2024 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers in/out £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 July 2025 £</b>
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	-
	<u>3,561,265</u>	<u>1,823,506</u>	<u>(2,016,531)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,368,240</u>

**Summary of funds - prior year**

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

**22. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
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)
<b>Total</b>	<u>3,368,240</u>	<u>3,368,240</u>

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**22. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
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)
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,465</b>	<b>3,526,800</b>	<b>3,561,265</b>

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

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

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**24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>Group 2025 £</b>	<i>Group 2024 £</i>
Cash in hand	<b>211,119</b>	<i>240,624</i>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>211,119</b>	<i>240,624</i>

**25. Analysis of changes in net debt**

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

**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	-
	<u>2,255</u>	<u>1,112</u>

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.