



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 May 2024 To 30 April 2025

Charity name: Friends of Rwandan Rugby

Charity registration number: 1113179

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To benefit the people of Rwanda through the provision of facilities for the playing of Rugby and through the provision of support (including coaching, organisational and financial expertise) for the development of Rugby within Rwanda.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>ForR's main activities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The employment of our team of Rugby Development Officers (RDOs) for the purpose of directly delivering regular rugby coaching to children and young adults in schools and clubs across Rwanda. This provides many young people, boys, girls, men and women with their only regular organised sporting activity.2) The organisation of coaching visits by (predominantly UK based) volunteer rugby coaches with the objectives of: delivering equipment, training our RDOs, introducing rugby to new areas of the country, supporting the Rwanda Rugby Federation (RRF) with their development plans and reviewing the activities of the in-country team.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In determining these activities the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	FoRR is grateful for the support received from UK based rugby clubs and other charitable organisations (The Barbarians Rugby Charitable Trust, Heb, Ffin, Bill McLaren Foundation, King Penguins, Dennis & Jane Reese Foundation, Enzygo and SOS Kit Aid), our regular donors and from the many rugby enthusiasts who support our work. Sports retailers and manufacturers Rhino Teamwear, ActivWear and Ram Rugby have also been important supporters.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	NA
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Many volunteers contribute to the smooth running of the charity, fundraise on our behalf and participate in our volunteer coaching trips. Without the contributions made by all of the people involved we would not have been able to achieve so much.
Other		NA

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During 2024/25 FoRR employed RDOs in 15 of Rwanda's 30 districts. The RDOs support the development of rugby in schools, clubs and community groups in their Districts.</p> <p>Fundraising activity has meant we have been able to expand our team of RDOs. We have benefited from a grant from Dennis & Jane Reese Foundation and this has enabled us to establish a program to develop the skills of nursery teachers to deliver learning through play/sport activities.. We plan to be able to expand our team of RDOs to at least 20 for the next 2 years. We have also benefited from funding donated by Heb Ffinn.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We have expanded our team of RDOs in line with our objectives and our Tag for Teachers Program has developed with training delivered to 130 teachers in 11 training days</p> <p>Our program for nursery age children Y'abano bato has progressed well with all RDOs being trained and we have now rolled out the Abana Bato program to include training nursery teachers to deliver.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We ran a volunteer trip to Rwanda that helped raise funds for the charity through volunteer donations.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	NA
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash at bank at 30 April 2025 was £55.4k (all in respect of unrestricted funds)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The balance of funds currently available exceeds that required to cover operational expenditure for at least 12 months.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£55,410
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal source of income remains individual donations from supporters and volunteers and we also benefit from grant funding support for key projects. The charity's main areas of expenditure are in-country employment costs for our volunteer RDOs, tournament costs, purchase of equipment and the costs associated with UK volunteer coaching trips.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted 6th February 2006
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>The Trustees undertake the day-to-day management of the charity from the UK whilst the team of Rugby Development Officers (RDOs) in Rwanda provides regular operational reports to a nominated Trustee and is led by an experienced programme lead.</p> <p>There is a safeguarding policy in place and training in this respect is provided to all RDOs and volunteers travelling from the UK. Rugby related first aid training has been provided to the RDOs along with continuing rugby coaching development training. New RDOs are inducted during Trustee visits and with the support of experienced volunteer coaches from the UK.</p> <p>All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Trustees undertake regular (at least annual) monitoring and training visits to Rwanda.</p> <p>.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>ForR is working with the King Penguins (A branch of The Penguin International Rugby Football Trust - UK Charity No 1081047) and has partnered with the Rwanda Rugby Federation (RRF) to support their World Rugby funded rugby development programme</p>
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Rwandan Rugby
Other name the charity uses	FoRR
Registered charity number	1113179
Charity's principal address	4 Seymour Avenue Parc Seymour Penhow Caldicot NP26 3AG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Glyn Watkins	Chair		
2	Mary Watkins	Secretary		
3	Michael Watkins	Treasurer up to Jan-25		
4	Tina Cumberlidge			
5	Mike Jones			
6	Matthew Phillips			
7	Ieuan Archer	Treasurer from Jan-25		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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Charity Name	No (if any)
Friends of Rwandan Rugby	1113179

Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/05/2024		30/04/2025

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants and donations	34,467	2,979	-	37,446	52,187
Gift aid receipts	1,601	-	-	1,601	5,638
Interest received	1,382	-	-	1,382	946
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,451	2,979	-	40,430	58,771
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,451	2,979	-	40,430	58,771
A3 Payments					
Staff remuneration	8,718	879	-	9,596	10,099
Tournament costs	1,291	522	-	1,814	999
Coaching tour costs	19,021	-	-	19,021	20,749
Other operational costs	13,997	-	-	13,997	5,517
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Administration costs	998	-	-	998	1,016
Expense to King Penguins Silverbacks development fund - agency	580	-	-	580	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	44,604	1,401	-	46,005	38,380
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,604	1,401	-	46,005	38,380
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,153	1,578	-	- 5,575	20,391
A5 Transfers between funds	18,795	- 18,795	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,769	17,217	-	60,986	40,595
Cash funds this year end	55,410	0	-	55,410	60,986

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	4,976	1,482	-
	Deposit Account	50,435	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	55,411	- 0	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Michael Lewis Watkins		
		Ieuan Archer		



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Friends of Rwandan Rugby

On accounts for the year
ended

30th April 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1113179

Set out on pages

1 to 2 (including the statement of accounts)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/04/2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

M Aldridge

Date:

20/02/2026

Name:

Mark Aldridge

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

FCCA

Address:

701 Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way, Stonehouse, Glos, GL10 3UT

Section B**Disclosure**

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

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