WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1114495

Details

Other names	WESPORT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05794916
Registered	2006-06-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND AND IN PARTICULAR TO PROVIDE, OR TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING, AND TO PROMOTE,:(A) PUBLIC FACILITIES, AMENITIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR HEALTHY RECREATION;(B) FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR RECREATIONAL, SPORTING OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE OR THOSE WHO BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES AND SERVICES;(C) THE IMPROVEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION;(D) EDUCATION, TRAINING AND COACHING COURSES WHICH PROMOTE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND FITNESS;(E) THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTS SET OUT IN 3 (A) TO (D) ABOVE AS THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY SHALL IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE.

Activities: Inspiring People, Empowering Organisations and Creating Opportunities through Sport and Physical Activity.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WEST OF ENGLAND
- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,283,253	£1,279,597	£882,829	16
2024-03-31	£1,362,009	£1,419,413	£879,173	17
2023-03-31	£1,795,872	£2,114,976	£936,577	17
2022-03-31	£2,266,190	£1,469,565	£1,255,681	15
2021-03-31	£873,800	£863,089	£459,056	13

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Findlay		2024-10-22
Anna Clare Hall		2019-01-16
Daniel Maurice Nugent Palmer		2024-10-22
Martin Bisp		2024-10-22
Nadia Fauzi Saba		2024-10-22
Simon Russell		2021-01-26
Susan Lesley Dors		2015-07-15
Tabinda Rashid-Fadel		2021-01-26
William Brown		2021-01-26

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Bishop Fleming

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	Guy Buckland, Chair of Trust Board Susan Dors, Trustee Simon Russell, Trustee Anna Clare Hall, Vice-Chair Tabinda Rashid- Fadel, Vice-Chair William Brown, Trustee Alison Jane Findlay, Trustee (Appointed 22 October 2024) Daniel Maurice Nugent Palmer, Trustee (Appointed 22 October 2024) Nadia Fauzi Saba, Trustee (Appointed 22 October 2024) Martin Roger Bisp, Trustee (Appointed 22 October 2024)
Company registered number	05794916
Charity registered number	1114495
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of West of England Sport Trust (Wesport) for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 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).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of the charity is to collectively increase, promote, support and celebrate lifelong participation in sport and realising potential for all.

West of England Sport Trust is based at its registered address and uses this site for administrative purpose.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The West of England Sport Trust was set up with the following charitable objectives in the Memorandum of Association (the governing document).

The Charity's objects are to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the West of England and in particular to provide, or to assist in providing:

(a) public facilities, amenities, equipment and services for healthy recreation;

(b) facilities and services for recreational, sporting or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities and services;

(c) the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation;

(d) education, training and coaching courses which promote physical health and fitness;

(e) the advancement of such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community consistent with the objects set out in (a) to (d) above as the Trustees of the Charity shall in their absolute discretion determine.

These objectives provide Wesport with sufficient flexibility to undertake a wide range of activity in the West of England. Our public benefit can be summarised as follows:

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Public Benefit Statement

Through the network of organisations across the West of England we will deliver a range of opportunities to our communities to undertake sport and physical activity to improve their physical and mental health and well-being and in turn improve their quality of life. Examples include the delivery of sporting opportunities through the School, Higher Education & Further Education networks, wider community voluntary organisations who can support in engaging excluded communities and under-represented groups as well as through contact with the Unitary Authority Sport, Public Health and Community directorates. The Wesport team works to deliver and coordinate this activity and to attract additional resources to enhance and sustain this delivery.

b. STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Wesport has continued to deliver against its charitable purpose.

The Wesport strategy **Acting with Purpose for our People and Place (2020-25)** with the Vision: **Inspire Active Lives, creating the conditions wherever possible to help everyone move more** sets out the direction of travel for Wesport. Wesport has been working proactively in collaboration with existing and new partners over the third year implementing this strategy, to make sure that moving more through sport and physical activity is for everyone across the West of England.

Wesport Strategic Themes for 2020 – 2025:

- Influencing the local ecosystem
- Focusing on information and measurement
- Wesport Delivery

c. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

To achieve this vision, the Wesport Mission has set out to:

Establish the conditions for long–term change, enabling more people to be physically active, inclusive for all.

Wesport has adopted new values that are used to guide our work and our decisions:

- We are a team of people with a passion for sport and physical activity, which is at the heart of all we do.
- Collaboration is key; we know when to take the lead and understand when someone else is better placed to do so.
- We are proud to work for Wesport and we place value in the work we do. We are always seeking new ways to make a difference.
- Teamwork is vitally important – we support one another to get the job done, with honesty and commitment.
- We are people-centred; aiming to improve local communities by working with them.

Underpinning and driving this mission are Strategic Enablers, which will ensure that the structures, capacity and direction will achieve the vision. These are:

- A Marketing and Communications Plan
- Sound financial planning and target setting to grow the business objectives.
- A strong staff team and structure in place, with the skills and support needed for success
- Robust governance, performance measurement, evaluation, and data capture systems

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

d. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

This has been a successful and progressive year for Wesport in terms of delivery and engagement. Wesport recognises that the inequalities still exist to access to sport and physical activity for specific groups and audiences and the drive to address this gap underpins the engagement and delivery that Wesport has led.

The opportunity to apply to Sport England for Place Universal funding has focused effort on increased engagement and understanding of the West of England and the communities within. The use of data and insight has supported this ongoing learning and development.

Over the past year, a restructuring of the team has taken place, while continuing to stay on top of operational and strategic objectives for the year. This has increased to include Sport England's Place Universal Offer funding. This has required huge amounts of effort, detailed planning, and high levels of communication across the team. Key to this has been the team understanding how additional and new roles (and job titles) would enable the shift from a project-based organisation, delivering in some key places, to a place-based organisation utilising projects (our own and others) to impact in our key places. This is a major shift, with significant implications for how we work.

As of 1st March 2025, existing staff adopted and formally started in new roles. Alongside this, recruitment to fill roles at all levels in the new structure is continuing.

To achieve our strategic objectives, how we work is as important as what we do. The staff team are responsible for building relationships, managing initiatives and working with a wide range of individuals and organisations, with different motivations, needs, aspirations and expectations.

Through internal work, and emphasised in recruitment, there is a focus on the skills and competencies required within the Wesport team, including an understanding of:

- **ABCD Approach** - Asset Based Community Development builds on the assets that are found in the community and mobilizes individuals, associations, and institutions to come together to realise and develop their strengths.
- **Co-production** - Co-production is about combining everyone's strengths so that we can work together to achieve positive change.
- **Sharing learning** – for mutual benefit, as important internally as it is with partners / networks.
- **Workforce and leadership development** (distributed and collective) – empowering individuals across organisations to develop their skills, take ownership and leadership responsibilities, working collaboratively.

Linked to our 'how', are qualities needed to work in this way, being a team that is:

- **Accountable** – open to check / challenge, motivated and responsible.
- **Generous** – supporting colleagues, being generous with time and contributions to others' work.
- **Comfortable 'working in the grey'** – working dynamically, accepting we will never know all the facts or have all the answers to questions, being brave.
- **Leaders in their own right** – at every level, demonstrating leadership skills.
- **Able to work across a broad brief and focused action** – Wesport's work is both 'deep' and 'wide' and we need to be skilled at both.
- **Seeking collaboration, internally and externally** – this must be deliberate; while knowing it takes time, effort and hard work to build strong collaborative relationships.

There remains a focus on priority places across the Wesport area, specifically in Lockleaze, Inner City and East Bristol (ICE), South Bristol, Weston and more recently, South Gloucestershire.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Relationships and engagement have increased within the local Health System. With the Integrated Care Board (ICB) commissioning Wesport to deliver a test and learn Children and Young People (CYP) Vanguard project, through Wesport's link to the VCSE Alliance and engagement in the Brokerage process, and local Health and Wellbeing strategy developments in South Gloucestershire, Wesport continues to advocate for movement and physical activity across the health landscape.

The Opening School Facilities Project has reached a conclusion this year. It was a Department for Education funded project, led by the Active Partnerships National Organisation and delivered through the Network. It has provided the opportunity for a focused and targeted engagement with schools across the West of England with projects being successfully co-created and delivered.

Final reporting processes are in place. The headlines for year three are as follows:

- 32 Schools delivered projects in Year 3
- £289,526.09 was claimed and distributed to schools

Participation (as reported by schools):

- 2047 sessions were run for Children and Young People (CYP); 8,846 children took part; 29,678 is the throughput of children.
- 737 sessions were run for the community; 2,553 members of the community took part; 8,950 is the throughput of community members.
- 2,962 were from Ethnically Diverse Communities; 3,364 were receiving Free School Meals; 5,145 were girls; 2,450 were SEND.

Some participants will have been in more than one category. Case study videos have been produced for a few of the schools. The next stage is to develop a legacy from the project.

The delivery of the both the Parks Tennis (Bristol) and Tennis@The Park (Bath and Keynsham) programmes has been successful with 60,142 court booking across all sites. At the end of the year the opportunity in Bristol to increase the number of sites by a further two has been accepted.

Wesport continues to ensure that it is embedded within the local ecosystem of sport and physical activity. Through the continued development of key relationships, partnerships, and funding distribution Wesport empowers people and organisations that have a direct connect with the target audiences and can therefore impact participation. Wesport continues to advocate for and work with the Health System to embed physical activity across a number of focus areas where physical activity can have a key role to play.

Headlines summarising Wesport's activity include:

- **School Games** – Throughout the year support has been given to the School Games Organiser (SGO) network. Funding has been allocated to 5 out of the 8 SGOs to support their plans to address inactivity and inequality within their partnership schools. Wesport has continued to support the delivery of a small number of existing Level 3 events and competitions. These events / competitions have included: Primary School Netball finals with 19 schools taking part with 159 participants. A Short Mat Bowls 'Give it a Try' Competition with 11 schools and 116 pupils participating. A sensory Move festival involving 4 schools and 28 pupils. Primary and Secondary Sportshall Athletics involving 28 schools and a Secondary Schools Netball Final taking place with all year groups from 7-11 being involved. Planning has taken place for a Primary Schools Netball event and a Quadkids Athletics event.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

- **Bristol Parks Tennis** – The Parks Tennis sites (Canford Park, St George Park, and Eastville Park) have continued to attract considerable usage. During this year a new site at Redcatch Park was added to the portfolio and ongoing preparations are taking place for a further site at Dingle Close to be added. By the end of the year more than 35,994 court bookings have been recorded. There has continued to be a limited number of coaches available and therefore consequently a small number of coaching courses have been delivered, these have included adult and junior focused sessions along with beginner and improver opportunities. There have been a small number of community tennis sessions continuing with existing organisations and participants. Wesport have continued to co-ordinate and administer the Happy Lane Fund. The fund aims to support community tennis and reduce the barriers to enable everyone to play tennis. Maintenance of the courts remains of high priority to ensure a positive customer experience. Positive conversations with Bristol City Council will result in a resurfacing of St George courts taking place and floodlights being available at Redcatch Park.

- **Bath and North East Somerset Tennis @ the Park** – During this past year 24,148 court bookings have been made across the three sites – Keynsham, Sydney Gardens and Alice Park. Blue Sky have continued to provide the opportunity to deliver a small coaching programme aimed at the adult audience. Maintenance of the courts is completed on a regular basis to ensure high standards are met.

- **Opening School Facilities** – The project reached a conclusion at the end of March, with final reporting processes being completed. In the final year of the project (Year 3) 32 schools received funding to deliver projects. £289,526.09 of funding was claimed. Participation as reported by the schools was recorded as: - 2,047 sessions run for Children and Young People with 8,846 taking part. 737 sessions were run for the community with 2,553 members of the community took part. Case Study videos have been produced for a targeted number of schools – Hannah More Primary, Kings Oak Academy, Merchants Academy and St Katherine's school.

- **Primary School Engagement** - Part of Wesport' s System Partner role is to encourage the identified schools to the complete the Sport England Active Lives (Children and Young People) survey responses. The focus on Physical Literacy has continued with the targeted schools.

- **Fund Distribution** - In addition to managing the distribution of national funding (Opening School Facilities – Dept for Education), during this year, Wesport have managed the grant processes of the following funds:

  1) **The Crime Prevention Through Sport Fund** (Year 3) on behalf of Avon and Somerset Police which aims to support projects within focus areas that use sport and physical activity to reduce violence, crime, and anti-social behaviour in targeted areas.
  2) **South Gloucestershire Continuation Grants** – a continuation of the Green Social Prescribing Healthier Together and Thriving Communities Funding.

Wesport has continued to utilise its communication channels to maintain engagement with the network, raise awareness of opportunities and start to demonstrate impact. A regular email partner bulletin continues to be produced and is sent monthly to a growing circulation list. This includes specific Club and PE / School Sport bulletins as well.

Wesport's Twitter (X) account (@WesportAP) recorded 193 Tweets and 14,816 tweet impressions. The Facebook account has 1,300 followers & reaches 5,200. The website has received 9,100 users with the Bristol Parks Tennis site recording the highest number of visits. This year the Instagram account recorded 882 followers.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Wesport has also supported several campaigns and awareness days throughout the year, including as examples: Live Longer Better, Lockleaze Wellbeing Walks, Our City Community Cup, Sport England Active Lives survey results, Muslim Sports Awards, Sport England's Every Move, Crime Prevention through Sport Fund, Bristol Girl Can, This Girl Can, UK Coaching Week, Mental Health Awareness Week, NSPCC Keeping Your Child Safe in Sport, African Voice Forum, Safe Sport Day and International Day of Older People.

Wesport has continued to work with Press Red (a data and insight consultancy) to evolve its data and insight function. Press Red have continued to produce Active Lives data packs (adult and children) with key messages that are shared with the team and relevant stakeholders in the network. Over the year, Press Red have engaged with members of the team to support the evaluation of the Bristol Girls Can project and to support the Place Universal Offer application. A revised mapping tool has been developed to support the team in understanding our Place. Relevant members of the team have engaged in online training workshops that Press Red have delivered around data tools and Place work.

In relation to engagement with the sector's **Workforce**, engagement continues with National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGB). The meetings provide opportunities to ensure that shared outcomes are known, and actions are taken appropriately to support these. Wesport has reinstated an NGB Forum which has been fully supported by NGB colleagues nationally, regionally, and locally. The forum has provided the opportunity to share information and learning. Specifically, it was used to introduce Wesport's two new Sport Welfare Officers to the network, highlighting the role they can fulfil in supporting the sports club network.

Formal engagement with the professional network continues through Wesport's annual Sport and Physical Activity Network (SPAN) event. A range of organisations attended the event covering 130+ attendees. The theme for the event was 'Working Together for Active Lives'. With keynote speakers from the health, sport, and voluntary sectors, detailed conversation between the organisations took place around ongoing engagement and collaboration.

Engagement has continued this year with CIMSPA (Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport & Physical Activity) and the Skills Hub Manager. A Local Skills Partnership Board of organisations across the West of England engaged in education and training provision has been formed and has meet quarterly. The Partnership Board has worked to develop a Local Skills Plan that is now in draft form waiting for formal approval and launch.

Community Organisations – Wesport continues to maintain and develop its relationships with voluntary sector community organisations across the West of England to focus on reducing inequalities and engagement of inactive individuals from lower socio-economic groups primarily in under-served areas. This has been driven through the Crime Prevention Funding, COMF Positive Activity funding in South Gloucestershire, Bristol Girls Can Network and focused place working. These include Access Sport, Barton Hill Activity Club, Let's Walk Bristol, Southern Brooks, We are BS15, Wild Place, Yate Rugby Club, Kingsmeadow Made 4ever, Creative Shift, Bath City FC Foundation, Bristol Rovers Community Trust, Bristol Somali Youth Voice, Creative Outbursts, Creative Youth Network, Grassroot Communities, Learning Partnership West, Life Cycle, Star Scheme, Trojan Education Centre, and Youth Moves.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Engagement with each of the four Unitary Authorities of the West of England is ongoing. This engagement has included:

In **Bristol**

Relevant members of the team have been engaged in discussions in planning and delivery following the Unitary Authority successfully accessing additional Core Cities funding from Sport England to work with the local system. A specific focus has been through the Bristol Active City Network.

The delivery of the Contain Outbreak Management Funding (COMF) project has been a focus of work across three areas of the city working closely with the Healthy Living Centres and the social prescribing network. The Physical Activity Link Workers project has now been completed. An evaluation report has been produced in partnership with Press Red. This report has been shared with Bristol City Council. Learnings identified in the report will be used to inform work in this area moving forwards.

Wesport has continued to work closely with Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust to develop local opportunities for participation and collaboration. Funding was allocated to support an existing member of staff in this organisation to work one day a week in the community on Wesport's behalf. This partnership continues to provide Wesport with valuable learning in relation to the gaps in provision, areas for development and identified barriers to participation.

An agreement was made with Sport England and Bristol City Council that Wesport would take over the delivery of the 'Bristol Girls Can' Campaign (a localised campaign of the national Sport England 'This Girl Can' project). A city-wide network has been created. Activators in two specific places (Barton Hill and Easton in ICE [Inner City & East Bristol] and Knowle West and Filwood in South Bristol) have been recruited and deployed to develop a localised understanding and approach. A comprehensive marketing & communications campaign has been created with the support of a local company.

Relevant members of the team have been engaged in meetings and discussions to support the submission of an application to the Football Foundation by Bristol City Council funding to implement a Playzone project (development of multi-use games areas) across three sites in Bristol.

Engagement continues to be maintained with the relevant departments within Bristol City Council to deliver the Parks Tennis programme across the park's sites. This year saw the addition of an additional site at Redcatch Park and ongoing discussions for a further site at Dingle Close.

In **South Gloucestershire**

Engagement is ongoing with the Public Health team through delivery of the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) project 'Feeling Better in South Gloucestershire' delivery across the unitary authority area. Working closely with Southern Brooks and the two Physical Activity Link workers to achieve and exceed the outcomes of the project. The project has developed a physical activity resource across the four PCN areas which has been shared with several health and social care professionals. A range of sessions for community participation have been set up and include Table Tennis, Walking Netball, and Walking Rugby. Discussions with the Public Health team and wider colleagues have been taking place around the development of an Active Wellbeing Strategy.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

In **North Somerset**

There is regular ongoing engagement with the Unitary Authority Active Lifestyles Team. Wesport continues to engage in the delivery of the North Somerset Physical Activity Strategy specifically with the key outcomes connected to Wesport delivery. Initial conversations have taken place in preparation for Wesport's Place Universal Offer (PUO) application. The activator continues to be employed through Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANs) & they connect effectively with Wesport opportunities and their work with the community and community groups to develop physical activity opportunities.

In **Bath and North-East Somerset**

Regular engagement with the UA continues through the Tennis@ the Park tender delivery. Initial discussions have been taking place around the Place Universal Offer and potential engagement. Wesport attends the Be Well B&NES Steering Group, a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board leading strategies on prevention of ill health and improving community wellbeing.

Connecting with Health Networks

Wesport continues to connect with and work within the health system / landscape across the West of England. Relationships with key individuals in the Integrated Care Board (ICB/ BNSSG [Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire]) have been developing with their CEO being one of the keynote speakers at the Sport and Physical Activity Event (SPAN) in November 2024. The panel also included the Director of Public Health for South Gloucestershire who is an advocate for physical activity.

The development of the Falls Collaborative has fluctuated throughout the year. Wesport has continued to deliver with the Ageing Well funding OTAGO Strength and Balance classes at community locations across South Bristol, South Gloucestershire, and North Somerset.

The CEO has continued to be the co-facilitator of the BNSSG VCSE Alliance Steering Group. The Alliance, working with the Integrated Care System in BNSSG, has created a brokerage model. Alongside this, the Alliance has created an ambassador programme and key members of the Wesport team have been engaged. These members have also been given the opportunity to engage with brokerage framework and the allocation of funding – specifically around Work Well and Children and Young People mental health grants in North Somerset. Wesport was commissioned by the ICB to deliver a 12-month test and learn pilot the CYP Vanguard Project – where there will be the potential to engage x 25 young people with complex needs to provide a pathway into activity.

Governance Update

2024-25 has continued to see focused work around sustaining & improving the governance of Wesport, in line with the requirements of Sport England's Code for Sports Governance and recommendations from the previous Campbell Tickell external Board evaluation and the BDO Governance Assurance review.

Regular Trust Board meetings have taken place throughout the year, and in 2024-25, four new Trustees were appointed to the Board. As a reminder, all Trustees are Independent and Non-Executive.

The Wesport Trust Board & staff team continues to recognise the importance of attaining & maintaining good proportionate governance as it provides a strong foundation for the organisation to fulfil its charitable objectives & the aims within the current strategy.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Race Equality - Wesport has continued its journey to become an anti–racist organisation. The team have worked on refreshing the internal opportunity statements to ensure they remain relevant. A resource library has been created for all team members to support knowledge and information development. The ongoing relationship with SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality), a local charity that supports victims of hate crime, remains strong. Relevant members of their team have been engaged in the Hate Crime in Sport project work alongside the Sport Welfare Officers. SARI led a Cultural Awareness Tour that the team engaged in to develop an understanding of communities specifically within Bristol.

Wesport's focus on addressing inequalities is also now explicit in the Wesport recruitment pack:

"Wesport embraces & champions equalities, diversity, equity, and inclusion. We are committed to building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives and skills to help keep us relevant to the communities that we work within. We are committed to fulfilling our promise to become an anti-racist organisation and to actively address the racial inequalities that hinder individuals from leading active lives and enjoying the benefits of sport, physical activity, and movement. It is no longer sufficient to simply avoid being racist; we must all embrace an active anti-racist stance. This work is a top priority for everyone here at Wesport."

Safeguarding – As part of Wesport's funding agreement with Sport England an annual review is required to take place with the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) to ensure that appropriate safeguarding standards are being met. Following the review meeting that took place in November 2024 Wesport received confirmation that the organisation is meeting the standards as expected.

Following a successful application to Sport England the recruitment of the Welfare roles took place in April 2024. The two roles have worked together to develop connections with the National Governing Body Safeguarding leads and club network to support in ensuring that clubs are an open and safe environment for Children and Adults.

e. SUMMARY

Throughout 2024-25 the role of Wesport to advocate for the importance of physical activity to tackle the inequalities that still exist continues to be important. There are many parts of the local ecosystem across the West of England where moving more, physical activity, and sport can play a positive role in achieving much wider outcomes. The Wesport Board of Trustees and team remain focused on the vision and mission of the organisation, and their contribution to achieving them.

2024-25 saw Wesport's role in the West of England voluntary sector landscape increase as part of the engagement with the VCSE Alliance. There has also been an increase in connections with the Health landscape where key conversations are taking place around the role of physical activity.

Wesport's Board of Trustees continue to recognise the excellent progress that the team has made in working effectively across the West of England, particularly noting the challenges of working across such a complex and ever-changing area.

A key element to this is how effectively the team works openly & collaboratively, both within Wesport and across the wider network. The Trustees are grateful for the hard work of the team & the continued focus on the strategic aims of the organisation.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. RESULT FOR THE YEAR

The accounts on pages 20 to 37 set out the details of the statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025 and the balance sheet as at that date.

During 2025 total income decreased from £1,362,009 in 2024 to £1,283,253 and total expenditure decreased from £1,419,413 to £1,279,597. The resulting surplus in the year of £3,656.

b. 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

c. RESERVES POLICY

The reserves of the Charity should be of a sufficient level to ensure that its recurring commitments and planned revenue expenditure can be met out of income. The Trustees will aim to maintain a balance of £250k - £500k in reserves to cover working capital requirements and to allow for wind up costs should that occur.

Due to changes in the timing of planned expenditure, the Trustees are aware that Wesport's reserves are currently higher than the Reserves Policy states. The staff restructure and appointment of additional roles is ongoing, and Wesport anticipates a change of IT provider will mean additional costs. As these are scheduled for 2025-26, the Trustees approve the current reserves position & will continue to monitor it throughout the year.

At 31 March 2025 the Charity held total reserves of £882,829 represented by restricted reserves of £247,146 and unrestricted reserves of £635,683.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed.

The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity number 1114495.

The principal object of the company is to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the West of England and to provide, or to assist in providing, and to promote: -

(1) public facilities, amenities, equipment, and services for healthy recreation.
(2) facilities and services for recreational, sporting, or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities and services.
(3) the im~~provement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation~~ in healthy recreation.
(4) education, training and coaching courses which promote physical health and fitness.
(5)the advancement of such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community consistent with the objects set out in 3 (a) to (d) above as the Trustees of the Charity shall in their absolute discretion determine.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Once Trustees are appointed, each goes through a comprehensive induction process, including receiving a copy of the Wesport Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association, recent board papers, minutes and dates of next meetings, a copy of the latest Wesport Strategy and most recent audited accounts.

Trustees receive an induction pack with the documents highlighted above, and including further policy documents – Delegations Policy, Financial Procedures and Policy, Risk Management Plan and Risk Register Policy, Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, Wesport Trustee Handbook. In addition, Trustee training opportunities are provided through national and local organisations, through direct engagement with the staff team and at events to understand the business of Wesport and the environment the organisation operates within.

Trustees are provided with information about Wesport – Current Trustees / Patrons, Staff Structure and Governance, Chief Executive Officer's job description, Operations Plan for the current financial year and contact details for the CEO and senior team.

Finally, Trustees are provided with information about their role – Trustee Role Description and Person Specification, Good Trustee Practice Information (Charity Commission), Trustee Declaration of Interests, Governance Documents to Sign and Return, Trustee Skills Matrix.

d. PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Wesport has a pay and remunerations policy approved by the board and adhered to on an annual basis. Senior staff pay is a part of this, with specific roles identified at an agreed band of remuneration.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

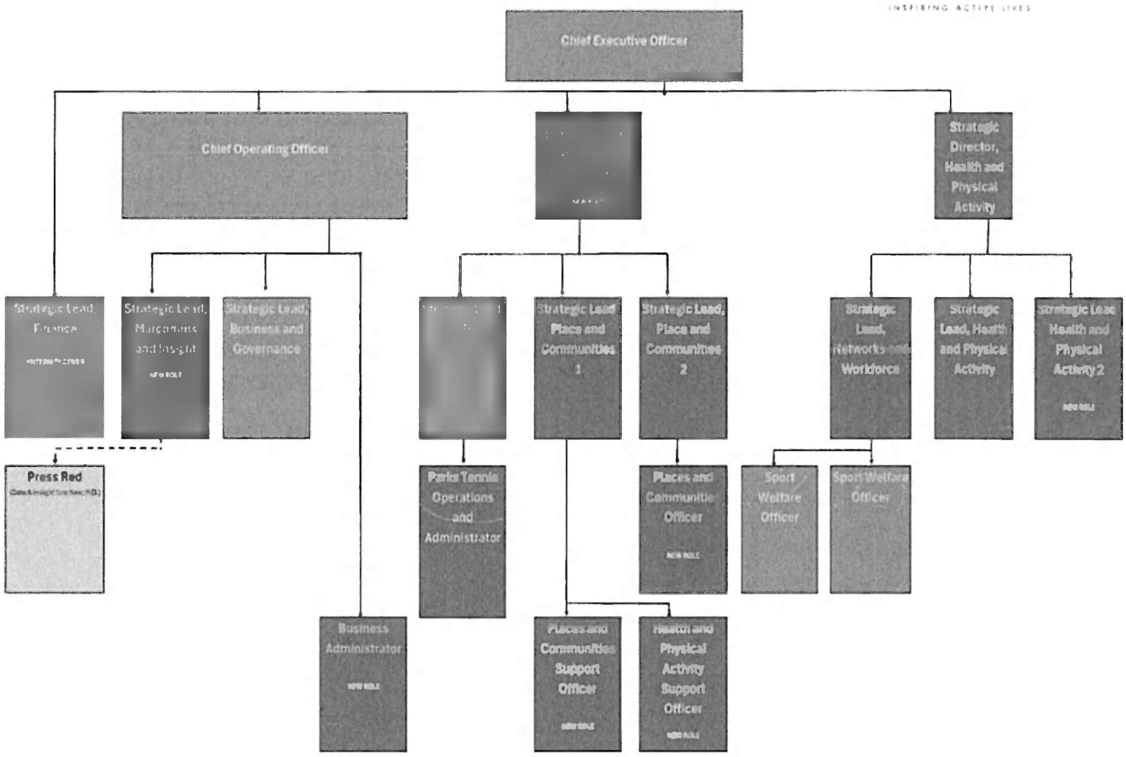
e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed Wesport's exposure to major risks, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

f. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

Wesport has a Trust Board Legal and Regulatory responsibilities policy, setting out the Board's approach to ensuring full compliance with all legal requirements, including finance, planning and management, internal controls and risk management. Wesport also has a Delegations policy, agreed by the Board of Trustees, which sets out clear delegated responsibility for CEO and senior staff on decision making. On a day-to-day basis, clear policies and procedures are in place to maintain good governance and appropriate lines of communication regarding decision making.

Wesport Staff Structure - March 2025



FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There will continue to be a strong focus on tackling inequalities in our communities. Wesport's engagement within the Health System will continue to develop. The monitoring, evaluation, and learning from these projects will be used to demonstrate impact to secure further funding. The team will continue to focus on their journey to becoming an anti-racist organisation through the implementation of the action plan and by the engagement and collaboration locally and nationally alongside the network of Active Partnerships across England. A decision on the next steps to continue to embed data and insight and monitoring and evaluation and learning within the team will be agreed.

Sport England Tier 3 governance compliance will be a focus for 2024-25, as well as maintaining the existing standards of governance. Safeguarding for children & young people and for adults will also be a focus including the completion of the Safeguarding Adults Framework with Ann Craft Trust.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN

Wesport holds a few small funding pots on behalf of small voluntary sector organisations to enable the achievement of local objectives for that sport or organisation. The outcomes worked towards often will straddle financial years, so funding to aid the achievement of these local objectives is held.

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 charity'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 charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, 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 and signed on their behalf by:

Guy Buckland
Chair of Trust Board
Date: 15/7/25

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees (who are also directors of West of England Sport Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Guy Buckland
Chair of Trust Board
Date: 15/7/25

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of West of England Sport Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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 charitable company 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 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.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST (CONTINUED)

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

- We have considered the nature of the sector, control environment and financial performance;
- We have considered the results of enquiries with management and trustees in relation to their own identification and assessment of the risk of irregularities within the entity; and
- We have reviewed the documentation of key processes and controls and performed walkthroughs of transactions to confirm that the systems are operating in line with documentation.

As a result of these procedures, we have considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the highest area of risk to be in relation to revenue recognition, with a particular risk in relation to year-end cut off. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK) we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We have also obtained understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Charities Act 2011, Charity SORP 2019, FRS 102 and the terms and conditions attaching to material grants received by the Charity. In addition, we considered the provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Charity's ability to operate or avoid a material penalty. These included data protection regulations, health and safety regulations and employment legislation.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reviewing board meeting minutes;
- Enquiring of management in relation to actual and potential claims or litigations;and
- Performing detailed transactional testing in relation to the recognition of revenue, specifically grants, with a particular focus around year-end cut off.

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgments made in accounting estimates are indicative of potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated identified laws and regulation and potential fraud risk to all trustees of the engagement team and remained alert to possible indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST (CONTINUED)

As a result of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that not all irregularities, including a material misstatement in financial statements or non-compliance with regulation, will be detected by us. The risk increases the further removed compliance with a law and regulation is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, given we will be less likely to be aware of it, or should the irregularity occur as a result of fraud rather than a one-off error, as this may involve intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

Joseph Scaife FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and behalf of
Bishop Fleming LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
10 Temple Back
Bristol
BS1 6FL

Date: 17/7/25

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	**507,127**	**571,840**	**1,078,967**	1,163,149
Charitable activities	3	**134,125**	**18,013**	**152,138**	144,019
Investments	4	**52,148**	**-**	**52,148**	54,841
Total income		**693,400**	**589,853**	**1,283,253**	1,362,009
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	**599,097**	**680,500**	**1,279,597**	1,419,413
Total expenditure		**599,097**	**680,500**	**1,279,597**	1,419,413
Net movement in funds		**94,303**	**(90,647)**	**3,656**	(57,404)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**541,380**	**337,793**	**879,173**	936,577
Net movement in funds		**94,303**	**(90,647)**	**3,656**	(57,404)
Total funds carried forward		**635,683**	**247,146**	**882,829**	879,173

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

The notes on pages 23 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
REGISTERED NUMBER:05794916

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note		2025 £		2024 £
Tangible assets	10		**5,932**		7,415
			5,932		7,415
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**22,508**		39,487	
Cash at bank and in hand		**947,164**		995,029	
		969,672		1,034,516	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(92,775)**		(162,758)	
Net current assets			**876,897**		871,758
Total assets less current liabilities			**882,829**		879,173
Total net assets			**882,829**		879,173
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	13		**247,146**		337,793
Unrestricted funds	13		**635,683**		541,380
Total funds			**882,829**		879,173

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 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

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

Guy Buckland
Chair of Trust Board
Date: 15/7/25

The notes on pages 23 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**(100,013)**	(63,061)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income received	**52,148**	54,841
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**-**	(8,394)
Net cash provided by investing activities	**52,148**	**46,447**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**(47,865)**	**(16,614)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**995,029**	1,011,643
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**947,164**	995,029

The notes on pages 23 to 37 form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 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.

West of England Sport Trust 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.

1.2 COMPANY STATUS

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 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 company 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 company 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

1.4 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Trustees continue to monitor the long-term reserves of the charity. Under all the scenarios reviewed, the charity has sufficient reserves to enable it to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.5 INCOME

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

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.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 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 shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

All assets costing more than £5,000 are capitalised.

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.

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

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Motor vehicles	- 20% straight line

1.8 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

1.9 DEBTORS

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

1.10 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.12 PENSIONS

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

1.13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Financial instruments includes cash at bank, trade debtors, accrued income from financial instruments (comprising dividends and interest due from investments), trade creditors and accrued expenditure.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	20	3,000	**3,020**	1,500
Grants	507,107	568,840	**1,075,947**	1,161,649
	507,127	571,840	**1,078,967**	1,163,149
TOTAL 2024	497,162	665,987	1,163,149	

Included within restricted grant funding, £86,061 relates to NHS income and £85,957 relates to Avon & Somerset Police income.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Core and operational services	2,945	18,013	**20,958**	6,850
Tennis	131,180	-	**131,180**	131,881
Grant funding	-	-	-	5,288
	134,125	18,013	**152,138**	144,019
TOTAL 2024	138,731	5,288	144,019	

Tennis income partly relates to revenue from annual tennis memberships. Income for the proportion of the membership term that relates to the next financial year has been deferred in line with FRS102.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Interest on deposit accounts	52,148	**52,148**	54,841
TOTAL 2024	54,841	54,841	

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Core and operational services	456,272	-	**456,272**	427,179
Sport England	-	288,325	**288,325**	272,699
Grant funding	-	392,175	**392,175**	586,731
Tennis	142,825	-	**142,825**	132,804
	599,097	680,500	**1,279,597**	1,419,413
TOTAL 2024	559,983	859,430	1,419,413	

Included in restricted grant funding expenditure, £195,698 relates to NHS expenditure incurred, £84,398 relates to Avon & Somerset Police expenditure incurred, £2,823 relates to Bristol City Council expenditure incurred and £33,890 relates to South Gloucestershire Council expenditure incurred.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Core and operational services	325,648	130,624	**456,272**	427,179
Sport England	272,502	15,823	**288,325**	272,699
Grant funding	355,139	37,036	**392,175**	586,731
Tennis	125,287	17,538	**142,825**	132,804
	1,078,576	201,021	**1,279,597**	1,419,413
TOTAL 2024	1,255,397	164,016	1,419,413	

Included within restricted grants activities undertaken directly £160,268 relates to NHS expenditure, £84,398 relates to Avon & Somerset Police expenditure, £2,823 relates to Bristol City Council and £33,890 relates to South Gloucestershire Council expenditure incurred in the year.

Included within restricted grants support costs, £35,430 relates to NHS expenditure incurred.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF DIRECT COSTS

	Core and operational services 2025 £	Sport England 2025 £	Grant funding 2025 £	Tennis 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	294,209	193,819	80,282	59,740	**628,050**	622,642
Delivery costs	10,489	34,741	43,487	65,547	**154,264**	125,438
Grants for delivery	20,950	43,942	231,370	-	**296,262**	507,317
	325,648	272,502	355,139	125,287	**1,078,576**	1,255,397
TOTAL 2024	331,286	244,128	557,066	122,917	1,255,397	

ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Core and operational services 2025 £	Sport England 2025 £	Grant funding 2025 £	Tennis 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
General management (inc. office and staff expenses)	73,056	2,935	10,902	10,848	**97,741**	99,010
Marketing and communications	-	-	300	6,690	**6,990**	7,790
Consultancy	45,911	12,888	25,834	-	**84,633**	45,846
Governance	10,174	-	-	-	**10,174**	10,391
Asset depreciation	1,483	-	-	-	**1,483**	979
	130,624	15,823	37,036	17,538	**201,021**	164,016
TOTAL 2024	95,893	28,571	29,665	9,887	164,016	

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS (continued)

Included within restricted grant funding staff costs, £33,700 relates to NHS funding, £7,500 relates to Avon & Somerset police funding and £9,890 relates to South Gloucestershire Council funding.

Included within the restricted grant funding delivery costs, £27,434 relates to NHS delivery costs.

Included within the restricted grant funding grants for delivery, £99,135 relates to NHS delivery grants, £24,000 relates to South Gloucestershire Council and £76,898 relates to Avon & Somerset Police.

Included within support costs, NHS support costs incurred of £9,296 for general management, £300 for marketing and communication and £25,834 for consultancy.

7. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor in respect of:		
Auditors' remuneration - audit	**6,240**	6,000
Auditors' remuneration - other services	**2,000**	2,000

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2024: £Nil).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2024: £Nil).
During the year, no Trustees received reimbursement of expenses (2024: £Nil).
During the year no Trustees provided consultancy services to the Charity for delivery of workshops at Health events (2024: 1 Trustee, totalling £960).

8. STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	**504,524**	497,404
Social security costs	**44,681**	43,465
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**78,845**	81,773
	628,050	622,642

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

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Senior Management Team	**2**	2
Development officers and administration	**14**	15
	16	17

8. STAFF COSTS (CONTINUED)

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	**-**	1
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	**1**	-

9. TRUSTEES' INDEMNITY INSURANCE

During the year the charity paid £1,530 (2024: £1,457) for Trustee indemnity insurance.

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1 April 2024	**8,394**
At 31 March 2025	**8,394**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024	**979**
Charge for the year	**1,483**
At 31 March 2025	**2,462**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	**5,932**
At 31 March 2024	7,415

11. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	**19,306**	35,353
Prepayments and accrued income	**3,202**	4,134
	22,508	39,487

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	**13,400**	56,380
Other taxation and social security	**10,375**	11,951
Pension fund loan payable	**6,501**	6,681
Accruals and deferred income	**62,499**	87,746
	92,775	162,758

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Wesport Core and Operational	490,494	562,220	(456,273)	596,441
Tennis	50,886	131,180	(142,824)	39,242
	541,380	693,400	(599,097)	635,683
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Sport England	67,188	301,650	(288,325)	80,513
NHS	206,114	86,061	(195,698)	96,477
Bristol City Council	2,823	-	(2,823)	-
South Gloucestershire Council	13,032	24,000	(33,890)	3,142
Avon and Somerset Police	941	85,957	(84,398)	2,500
Other Grant Funding	47,695	92,185	(75,366)	64,514
	337,793	589,853	(680,500)	247,146
TOTAL OF FUNDS	879,173	1,283,253	(1,279,597)	882,829

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Sport England – this is funding received for programmes including Children & Young People, Workforce, Tackling Inequalities, Opening School Facilities, and Data & Insight.

NHS: This is funding from BNSSG ICB (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board) for projects including Ageing Well, Green Social Prescribing and Vanguard Mental Health for Children and Young People.

Bristol City Council: This is grant funding for the Contain Outbreak Management Fund in Bristol (COMF). This grant funding was to use physical activity and movement as a tool to deliver a targeted intervention with the power to both protect vulnerable sections of the population from the effects of further outbreaks and to assist recovery by improving physical and mental health, advancing individual lives and bringing communities together.

South Gloucestershire Council: This is grant funding for the Contain Outbreak Management Fund in South Gloucestershire (COMF). This grant funding was to use physical activity and movement as a tool to deliver a targeted intervention with the power to both protect vulnerable sections of the population from the effects of further outbreaks and to assist recovery by improving physical and mental health, advancing individual lives and bringing communities together.

Avon & Somerset Police: This grant funding is to support projects in the community that use sport and movement in its widest sense as a tool to engage young people at risk of being involved in criminal behaviour.

Other Grant Funding: this is funding received for various projects including but not limited to Opening Schools Facilities funding and community tennis funds.

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Wesport Core and Operational	358,819	558,854	(427,179)	490,494
Tennis	51,810	131,880	(132,804)	50,886
	410,629	690,734	(559,983)	541,380
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Sport England	189,837	150,050	(272,699)	67,188
NHS	143,124	419,844	(356,854)	206,114
Bristol City Council	17,948	-	(15,125)	2,823
South Gloucestershire Council	126,994	-	(113,962)	13,032
Avon and Somerset Police	10,000	60,000	(69,059)	941
Other Grant Funding	38,045	41,381	(31,731)	47,695
	525,948	671,275	(859,430)	337,793
TOTAL OF FUNDS	936,577	1,362,009	(1,419,413)	879,173

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Restricted funds 2025 £**	**Total funds 2025 £**
Tangible fixed assets	5,932	-	**5,932**
Current assets	657,094	312,578	**969,672**
Creditors due within one year	(27,343)	(65,432)	**(92,775)**
TOTAL	635,683	247,146	**882,829**

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,415	-	7,415
Current assets	611,245	423,271	1,034,516
Creditors due within one year	(77,280)	(85,478)	(162,758)
TOTAL	541,380	337,793	879,173

15. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**3,656**	(57,404)
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Depreciation charges	**1,483**	979
Investment income received	**(52,148)**	(54,841)
Decrease in debtors	**16,979**	158,674
Decrease in creditors	**(68,117)**	(110,469)
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**(98,147)**	(63,061)

16. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand	**947,164**	995,029
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**947,164**	995,029

17. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	995,029	(47,865)	947,164
Debt due within 1 year	(6,681)	180	(6,501)
	988,348	(47,685)	940,663

18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

During the year £26,021 has been recognised in expenditure in relation to operating lease payments (2024: £20,422).

19. CHARITY INFORMATION

The West of England Sport Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a charity registered at the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The principal office is The Vassall Centre Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol, England, BS16 2QQ.

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1114495

Accounts

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WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Bishop Fleming

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees	Guy Buckland, Chair of Trust Board Susan Dors, Trustee Simon Russell, Trustee Anna Clare Hall, Trustee Paul Harrod, Trustee (resigned 27 October 2023) Tabinda Rashid- Fadel, Trustee William Brown, Trustee
Company registered number	05794916
Charity registered number	1114495
Company secretary	Steve Nelson
Independent auditors	Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 10 Temple Back Bristol BS1 6FL
Bankers	Santander Avon Street Bristol BS2 0EL

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

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of the charity is to collectively increase, promote, support and celebrate lifelong participation in sport and realising potential for all.

West of England Sport Trust is based at its registered address and uses this site for administrative purpose.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The West of England Sport Trust was set up with the following charitable objectives in the Memorandum of Association (the governing document):

The Charity's objects are to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the West of England and in particular to provide, or to assist in providing:

(a) public facilities, amenities, equipment and services for healthy recreation;

(b) facilities and services for recreational, sporting or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities and services;

(c) the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation;

(d) education, training and coaching courses which promote physical health and fitness;

(e) the advancement of such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community consistent with the objects set out in (a) to (d) above as the Trustees of the Charity shall in their absolute discretion determine.

These objectives provide Wesport with sufficient flexibility to undertake a wide range of activity in the West of England. Our public benefit can be summarised as follows:

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Public Benefit Statement

Through the network of organisations across the West of England we will deliver a range of opportunities to our communities to undertake sport and physical activity to improve their physical and mental health and well-being and in turn improve their quality of life. Examples include the delivery of sporting opportunities through the School, Higher Education & Further Education networks, wider community voluntary organisations who can support in engaging excluded communities and under-represented groups as well as through contact with the Unitary Authority Sport, Public Health and Community directorates. The Wesport team works to deliver and coordinate this activity and to attract additional resources to enhance and sustain this delivery.

b. STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Wesport has continued to deliver against its charitable purpose.

The Wesport strategy **Acting with Purpose for our People and Place (2020-25)** with the Vision: **Inspire Active Lives, creating the conditions wherever possible to help everyone move more** sets out the direction of travel for Wesport. Wesport has been working proactively in collaboration with existing and new partners over the third year implementing this strategy, to make sure that moving more through sport and physical activity is for everyone across the West of England.

Wesport Strategic Themes for 2020 – 2025:

- Influencing the local ecosystem
- Focusing on information and measurement
- Wesport Delivery

c. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

To achieve this vision, the Wesport Mission has set out to:

Establish the conditions for long–term change, enabling more people to be physically active, inclusive for all.

Wesport has adopted new values that are used to guide our work and our decisions:

- We are a team of people with a passion for sport and physical activity, which is at the heart of all we do.
- Collaboration is key; we know when to take the lead and understand when someone else is better placed to do so.
- We are proud to work for Wesport and we place value in the work we do. We are always seeking new ways to make a difference.
- Teamwork is vitally important – we support one another to get the job done, with honesty and commitment.
- We are people-centred; aiming to improve local communities by working with them.

Underpinning and driving this mission are Strategic Enablers, which will ensure that the structures, capacity and direction will achieve the vision. These are:

- A Marketing and Communications Plan
- Sound financial planning and target setting to grow the business objectives.
- A strong staff team and structure in place, with the skills and support needed for success
- Robust governance, performance measurement, evaluation, and data capture systems

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

d. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

This has been a positive year for Wesport in terms of delivery and engagement. Wesport recognises that the inequalities still exist to access to sport and physical activity for specific groups and audiences and the drive to address this gap underpins the engagement and delivery that Wesport has led on. The successful completion of delivery of the Together Fund contributed to providing support to community organisations who are engaging with the under–represented audience. The delivery of this fund has continued to build and develop Wesport's network of organisations across the West of England extending Wesport's reach and developing key relationships to continue to create a positive impact in areas where there is the greatest need.

There remains a focus on priority places across the West of England; these include Lockleaze, Inner City and East in Bristol, and Weston in North Somerset where the focus is to address the inequalities that exist.

The delivery of the Contain Outbreak Management Fund projects in both Bristol and South Gloucestershire have demonstrated learning and impact focusing on Social Prescribing of physical activity. The Ageing Well 'Live Longer Better' project has resulted in Wesport leading the VCSE sector to create a Falls Collaborative to demonstrate the role the voluntary sector has in supporting the demand on the health system, along with co-facilitation of a VCSE Alliance working with the Health System. Wesport has actively engaged with the local Health System across Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG)

The Opening School Facilities Project has seen a focused and target engagement with schools across the West of England with projects being successfully co-created and delivered.
The delivery of the both the Parks Tennis (Bristol) and Tennis@The Park (Bath and Keynsham) programmes has been successful with 48,000+ court booking across all sites. At the end of the year the opportunity in Bristol to increase the number of sites by a further two has been accepted.

The capacity of the Wesport staff team has fluctuated across the year with a small number of colleagues leaving and in the last quarter of the year two new Project Officers have been appointed through additional Sport England Funding for Sport Welfare.

Wesport continues to ensure that it is embedded within the local ecosystem of sport and physical activity. Through the continued development of key relationships, partnerships, and funding distribution Wesport empowers people and organisations that have a direct connect with the target audiences and can therefore impact participation. This has been a priority in the co-ordination and management of the Together Fund and in the distribution of resources provided to local community organisations for sport and physical activity provision. Wesport continues to advocate for and work with the Health System to embed physical activity across a number of focus areas where physical activity can have a key role to play.

Headlines summarising Wesport's activity include:

- **School Games** – Engagement continues throughout the year with the School Games Organiser (SGO) network. Funding has been allocated to 7 out of the 8 SGOs to support their plans to address inactivity and inequality within their partnership schools. At the beginning of the school academic year Wesport agreed to continue to support the delivery of a small percentage of existing Level 3 events and competitions. These events were delivered throughout the year. Between January – March 2024 these have included Sports Hall Athletics – 20 schools with 360 young people competed in the primary event and 32 schools with 256 young people competed in the secondary event and Secondary netball with 6 schools / teams and 80+ young people taking part in the competition. Planning has taken place for competitions to take place in April / May 2024 and will include Bee's Netball (Primary) and a new SEND Short Mat Bowls event.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

- **Bristol Parks Tennis** – The Parks Tennis sites (Canford Park, St George Park, and Eastville Park) have continued to attract considerable usage. By the end of the year more than 27,800 court bookings have been recorded. An opportunity arose at the end of the year to add an additional two parks' sites to the portfolio which was accepted. Due to a limited number of coaches a small number of coaching courses had been delivered, these have included adult and junior focused sessions along with beginner and improver opportunities. A small number of community tennis sessions have continued with existing organisations and participants. Wesport have continued to co-ordinate and administer the Happy Lane Fund. The fund aims to support community tennis and reduce the barriers to enable everyone to play tennis. Maintenance of the courts remains of high priority to ensure a positive customer experience.

- **Bath and North East Somerset Tennis @ the Park** – During this past year 20,100 court bookings have been made across the three sites – Keynsham, Sydney Gardens and Alice Park. Blue Sky have continued to provide the opportunity to deliver a small coaching programme aimed at the adult audience. Maintenance of the courts is completed on a regular basis to ensure high standards are met.

- **Tackling Inequalities Fund / Together Fund** – Throughout the year Wesport continued to work in partnership with VOSCUR, the VCSE anchor partner for Bristol, to ensure that the outcomes of the fund are continually being met. A successful application to Sport England secured six months of extension funding until September 2023. This provided the opportunity to grant additional funding to 5 trusted organisations in the Inner City and East area of Bristol to support their capacity as well as providing a 11% Cost of Living uplift to awarded funding amounts for the other organisations engaged across the West of England. This funding concluded the available funding opportunity from Sport England under this criterion.

  Throughout the lifespan of the project the focus remained on the four priority audiences:
    - Low Income groups,
    - Culturally Diverse Communities,
    - People with Long Term Health Conditions, and
    - Disabled People.

At the end of the project a total of £482,083 had been allocated to 200 + organisations, of which 81% had not received funding from Sport England previously. The funding had been distributed to audiences as follows: 39% to Culturally Diverse Communities, 23% to Low Incomes, 23% to Long Term Health Conditions and 15% to Disabled People, noting that several organisations cover more than one target audience.

Alongside the delivery of the projects VOSCUR continued to deliver a resilience support package of a range of opportunities including one to one advice, bespoke training, consultancy support, themed training sessions, peer support sessions, and online resources based on evidenced need that was available to all organisations involved in the programme. A total of 50+ organisations engaged in the available opportunities.

- **Opening School Facilities** – The beginning of this year engagement and communication was taking place with schools to develop plans for year 2 of the programme. A deadline for November 2023 was met with 26 schools receiving funding with £315K being allocated. There was an increase this year to engage with community partners to expand the opportunities being offered at the school facilities. In January 2024 an approach was made to schools for year 3 delivery. A target of 27 schools was set.

- **PE Conference** – A conference was planned and delivered in March 2024 at Badminton School, Bristol. The theme for the conference was 'Physical Literacy' and external keynote speakers provided valuable information relating to this theme to the 49 Primary schools that were represented. A range of workshops were delivered by local external organisations.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

- **Primary School Engagement** – Universal communication to schools is provided through a regular newsletter. A focus continues to be the successful completion of the Sport England Active Lives (Children and Young People) survey responses by the identified schools. The place-based targeted approach within six localities across the area continues. There is a focus from the team to develop opportunities for children and young people in these locality areas: Barton Hill, Lawrence Weston, Hartcliffe and Withywood in Bristol, Kingswood in South Gloucestershire and Weston in North Somerset.

- **Fund Distribution** – In addition to managing the distribution of national funding (Together Fund – Sport England; Opening School Facilities – Dept for Education), during this year Wesport have managed the grant processes of the following funds:

  1) The Crime Prevention Through Sport Fund (Year 2) on behalf of Avon and Somerset Police which aims to support projects within focus areas that use sport and physical activity to reduce violence, crime, and anti-social behaviour in targeted areas. Across the Wesport area 10 projects were funded via these organisations: Youth Moves, Young Bristol, Working Young, Trojan Education Centre, Sporting Weston FC, Krunch SW, Hartcliffe BNX, Downend Boxing Club, Creative Youth Network and Baskerville School of Gymnastics.

  2) Ageing Well Communities Activities Budget – One of the identified projects within the Live Longer Better application. Awards were made to 7 organisations in conjunction with Together Fund applications that met the identified criteria: - Redcatch Community Gardens, Creative Shift, New Age Kurling, a local Parkinson's group, Winterbourne Barn Trust, Art in Action, and South Gloucestershire Walking Group.

  3) Children and Young People Healthy Weight / Mental Health improvement grants (ICB locality Board Funding) – this funding focused on the Inner City and East and South Bristol localities. Wesport managed the grant process which allocated a total of £70K to 10 projects: - APE, Bristol Somali Youth Voice, Creative Youth Network, Off The Record, Robins Foundation, Trinity Community Arts, Greater Bristol Together, We Are After School Club, Windmill Hill City Farm, and Young Bristol.

Wesport continues to utilise its communication channels to maintain engagement with the network which is very important to ensure connectivity. A regular email newsletter bulletin continues to be produced and is now sent monthly to a growing circulation list. This includes specific Club and PE / School Sport bulletins as well.

Wesport's Twitter account (@WesportAP) recorded 339 and 81,200 tweet impressions. The Facebook account has 1,200 followers & reaches 17,800 with 1430 profile visits. The website has received 17,000 users with the Bristol Parks Tennis site recording the highest number of visits. These are closely followed by Tennis@ the Park and the Job page. This year the Instagram account recorded 794 followers.

Wesport has also supported several campaigns through the year, including as examples: This Girl Can, Beezee Bodies, We Are Undefeatable, UK Coaching Week, Children's Mental Health Week, International Women's Day, Active Lockleaze, National Apprenticeship Week, Fallproof, Black History Month, Parents in Sport Week, Safeguarding Adults Week, Red January, Time To Talk Day, National Inclusion Week, National Social Prescribing Day, Cycle to Work Day, Club Matters and Active Travel.

Wesport continues to work with Press Red (a data and insight consultancy) to evolve its data and insight function and is also starting to focus on the organisations' collection and use of data & insight for Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL). Over the year Press Red have engaged with the team to develop knowledge and understanding of the conceptual framework that is being driven by Sport England to understand working in place.

The current mapping tools created for the Together Fund and for the Children and Young People area of work to have been updated with current census data. Valuable support has been given to the members of the team delivering the COMF project in Bristol to create and finalise an evaluation report based on the learnings of the project delivery. Regular key messages connected to the release of Active Lives data (adults and children) are shared with the team.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

In relation to engagement with the sector's Workforce, engagement continues with National Governing Bodies of Sport. The meetings provide opportunities to ensure that shared outcomes are known, and actions are taken appropriately to support these. Due to the lack of requests for face-to-face workshops Wesport have not organised a programme this year. Instead, when requests have been received the organisation / individual has been directed to a relevant online workshop.

Formal engagement with the professional network took place in November 2023 through Wesport's Sport and Physical Activity Network (SPAN) event. A range of organisations attended the event covering 120+ attendees. The theme for the event focused on Place – 'Everyone is Talking about Place' – which encouraged detailed conversation between the organisations around Place and networks and an understanding of their role.

Engagement has commenced with CIMSPA (Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport & Physical Activity) and the newly appointed Skills Hub Manager. Their role is to form a Local Skills Partnership Board of organisations across the West of England engaged in education and training provision. This Local Skills Partnership Board will work to develop a Local Skills Plan that has identified gaps in roles and actions to address this.

Community Organisations – Wesport continues to maintain and develop its relationships with voluntary sector community organisations across the West of England to focus on reducing inequalities and engagement of inactive individuals from lower socio-economic groups primarily in under-served areas. This has been driven through the Together Fund along with the Crime Prevention Funding, COMF positive activity funding in South Gloucestershire, Ageing Well grants and the Positive Activities funding for Children and Young People in Bristol. Linked to this, Wesport's Race Equality commitment has seen a specific focus on working with Black, Asian and Ethnically Diverse Communities. 250+ organisations have received funding through these various sources. These include Active Being Ltd, Access Sport, Barton Hill Activity Club, Bridges for Communities, Bristol Horn Youth Concern, Bristol MIND, Bristol Refugee Rights, Bristol Steppin Sisters, Eastside Community Trust, Friends of Grove Park, Friends of Page Park, Genesis Trust, Headway, Imayla, Khaas, Life Cycle UK, Open Minds Active, Soul Trail Wellbeing, Unseen UK, We Are Aware, APE, Off The Record, Creative Youth Network, Young Bristol and Youth Moves.

Engagement with each of the four Unitary Authorities of the West of England is ongoing. This engagement has included:

In **Bristol**

Discussions have continued to develop the Bristol Active City Network. The Unitary Authority has been given the opportunity to access additional Core Cities funding from Sport England to work with the local system.

The delivery of the Contain Outbreak Management Funding (COMF) project has been a focus of work across three areas of the city working closely with the Healthy Living Centres and the social prescribing network. The Physical Activity Link Workers project has now been completed. An evaluation report has been produced in partnership with Press Red. This report has been shared with Bristol City Council. Learnings identified in the report will be used to inform work in this area moving forwards.

Wesport is working closely with Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust to develop local opportunities for participation and collaboration. Funding continues to be allocated to support an existing member of staff in this organisation to work one day a week in the community on Wesport's behalf. This partnership is providing Wesport with valuable learning in relation to the gaps in provision, areas for development and identified barriers to participation.

Engagement is maintained with the relevant departments within Bristol City Council to deliver the Parks Tennis programme across the three parks sites. Discussions have taken place as to an increase in the number of Parks sites in the portfolio. There is the potential for two more sites to be added to the existing contract in early 2024-25.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

In **South Gloucestershire**

Ongoing engagement with the Public Health team through delivery of the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) project 'Feeling Better in South Gloucestershire' delivery across the unitary authority area. Working closely with Southern Brooks and the two physical activity link workers to achieve the outcomes of the project. As an example, the following sessions have been set up: - Walking Netball for after-stroke participants, New Age Kurling for older adults and Table Tennis sessions for Hong Kong overseas nationals.

In North Somerset

There is regular engagement with the Unitary Authority Active Lifestyles Team. The North Somerset Physical Activity Strategy was launched with key outcomes connected to Wesport delivery. The focus continues to be on Weston and the strategic group Active Weston. Working closely with the Active Lifestyles Team and with Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS), Wesport continues to allocate funding towards the employment of an activator to work closely with the community to develop physical activity opportunities.

In Bath and North-East Somerset

Regular engagement with the UA continues through the Tennis@ the Park tender delivery. Initial discussions and input have been made to the Whole System Health Improvement Framework.

Connecting with Health Networks

Wesport's connection to the health network / landscape across the West of England continues to grow. An opportunity to meet with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) CEO and Chief Medical Officer arose to advocate for the embedding of physical activity across the ICB. The Live Longer Better (Ageing Well) project was completed at the end of December 2023. The OTAGO Strength and Balance classes were able to be continued due to an extension to the funding. A celebration event was organised at the end of the project to showcase learning and to recognise the partner organisations and their involvement. There has been a momentum to create a Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) wide approach to strength and balance under the falls collaborative led by Wesport and the voluntary sector.

The delivery of the COMF funded project in Bristol concluded at the end of December 2023 with an evaluation / impact report being produced. The COMF project in South Gloucestershire has continued with high levels of referrals and engagement through the two Physical Activity Link Workers.

The CEO has been engaged as co-facilitator of the BNSSG VCSE Alliance.The alliance is also starting work with the Integrated Care System in BNSSG on a brokerage model that will allow the health system to identify where they want VCSE support, input or delivery, requesting help in identifying interest / appropriate VCSE organisations to engage.

Governance Update

2023-24 has seen regular focused work around sustaining & improving the governance of Wesport, in line with the requirements of Sport England's Code for Sports Governance and recommendations from the previous Campbell Tickell external Board evaluation and the BDO Governance Assurance review.

A specific focus has been around the creation of a standalone Diversity & Inclusion Action Plan, which covers 2 of the 49 elements of the Tier 3 requirements from the Code.

Regular Trust Board meetings have taken place throughout the year, and in 2024-25, there will be a focused round of recruitment for additional non-executive Trustees.

The Wesport Trust Board & staff team recognises the importance of attaining & maintaining good governance as it provides a strong foundation for the organisation to fulfil its charitable objectives & the aims within the current strategy.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Race Equality - Wesport has continued its journey to become an anti–racist organisation. A number of areas of the organisation have seen the impact of the actions developed, identifying key milestones with the team and Trustees. This includes:

- Continuing to build strategic relationships, including with SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality, a local charity that supports victims of hate crime), establishing a two-year agreement to work together.
- Workforce Innovation Fund utilised to engage with Refugee and Asylum Seekers and organisations connecting with culturally diverse audiences.
- Continuing to focus on engaging culturally diverse communities through initiatives including Together Fund, where a proportion of the fund went to organisations working directly within these communities.
- Continuing to work with Press Red to improve the quality and understanding of local demographic data, including understanding how diverse the culturally diverse communities are across the West of England.

Safeguarding – As part of Wesport's funding agreement with Sport England an annual review is required to take place with the Child Protection In Sport Unit (CPSU) to ensure that appropriate safeguarding standards are being met. Following the review meeting that took place in November 2023 Wesport received confirmation that the organisation is meeting the standards as expected.

As part of the response to the Whyte Review (2022) a commitment was made from Sport England to develop a network of Sport Welfare Officers. A successful funding application to Sport England has provided the opportunity to recruit two Project Officer Sport Welfare roles which have been appointed in April 2024.

e. SUMMARY

Throughout 2023/24 the role of Wesport to advocate for the importance of physical activity to tackle the inequalities that still exist continues to be important. There are many parts of the local ecosystem where moving more, physical activity, and sport can play a positive role in achieving much wider outcomes. The Wesport Board of Trustees and team remain focused on the vision and mission of the organisation, and their contribution to achieving them.

2023/24 saw Wesport's role in the West of England voluntary sector landscape increase from working in partnership in with VOSCUR to successfully deliver the Together Fund, to leading the development of a Falls Collaborative to the co facilitation of the VCSE Alliance.

Wesport's Board of Trustees continue to recognise the excellent progress that the team has made in working effectively across the West of England, particularly noting the challenges of working across such a complex area.
A key element to this is how effectively the team works openly & collaboratively, both within Wesport and across the wider network. The Trustees are grateful for the hard work of the team & the continued focus on the strategic aims of the organisation.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. RESULT FOR THE YEAR

The accounts on pages 19 to 35 set out the details of the statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2024 and the balance sheet as at that date.

During 2024 total income decreased from £1,795,872 to £1,362,009 and total expenditure decreased from £2,114,976 to £1,419,413. The resulting deficit in the year is £57,404. During the year the unrestricted reserves have been built on by £130,751, and the restricted funds have been spent down from the balance carried forward into the year.

b. 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

c. RESERVES POLICY

The reserves of the charity should be of a sufficient level to ensure that its recurring commitments and planned revenue expenditure can be met out of the income.

The Trustees will aim to maintain a level between £250k and £500k in unrestricted reserves to cover costs to sustain the charitable activities whilst securing additional funding, or to cover working capital requirements and to allow for wind up costs should they occur.

At 31 March 2024 the Charity held total reserves of £879,173 represented by restricted reserves of £337,793 and unrestricted reserves of £541,380.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed.

The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity number 1114495.

The principal object of the company is to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the West of England and to provide, or to assist in providing, and to promote: -

(1) public facilities, amenities, equipment, and services for healthy recreation.
(2) facilities and services for recreational, sporting, or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities and services.
(3) the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation.
(4) education, training and coaching courses which promote physical health and fitness.
(5)the advancement of such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community consistent with the objects set out in 3 (a) to (d) above as the Trustees of the Charity shall in their absolute discretion determine.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Once Trustees are appointed, each goes through a comprehensive induction process, including receiving a copy of the Wesport Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association, recent board papers, minutes and dates of next meetings, a copy of the latest Wesport Strategy and most recent audited accounts.

Trustees receive an induction pack with the documents highlighted above, and including further policy documents – Delegations Policy, Financial Procedures and Policy, Risk Management Plan and Risk Register Policy, Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, Wesport Trustee Handbook. In addition, Trustee training opportunities are provided through national and local organisations, through direct engagement with the staff team and at events to understand the business of Wesport and the environment the organisation operates within.

Trustees are provided with information about Wesport – Current Trustees / Patrons, Staff Structure and Governance, Chief Executive Officer's job description, Operations Plan for the current financial year and contact details for the CEO and senior team.

Finally, Trustees are provided with information about their role – Trustee Role Description and Person Specification, Good Trustee Practice Information (Charity Commission), Trustee Declaration of Interests, Governance Documents to Sign and Return, Trustee Skills Matrix.

d. PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Wesport has a pay and remunerations policy approved by the board and adhered to on an annual basis. Senior staff pay is a part of this, with specific roles identified at an agreed band of remuneration.

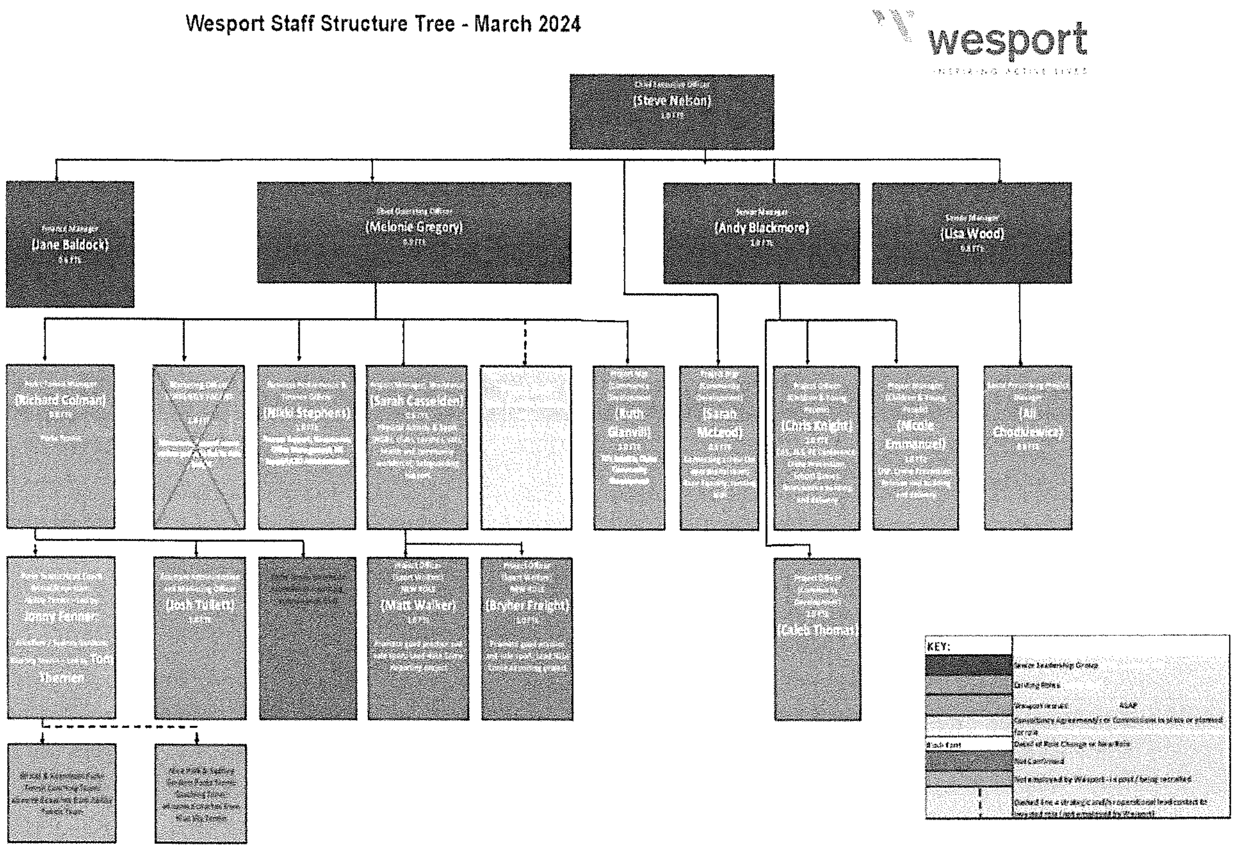
e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed Wesport's exposure to major risks, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

f. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

Wesport has a Trust Board Legal and Regulatory responsibilities policy, setting out the Board's approach to ensuring full compliance with all legal requirements, including finance, planning and management, internal controls and risk management. Wesport also has a Delegations policy, agreed by the Board of Trustees, which sets out clear delegated responsibility for CEO and senior staff on decision making. On a day-to-day basis, clear policies and procedures are in place to maintain good governance and appropriate lines of communication regarding decision making.



FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There will continue to be a strong focus on tackling inequalities in our communities. Wesport's engagement within the Health System will continue to develop. The monitoring, evaluation, and learning from these projects will be used to demonstrate impact to secure further funding.

The team will continue to focus on their journey to becoming an anti-racist organisation through the implementation of the action plan and by the engagement and collaboration locally and nationally alongside the network of Active Partnerships across England. A decision on the next steps to continue to embed data and insight and monitoring and evaluation and learning within the team will be agreed.

Sport England Tier 3 governance compliance will be a focus for 2024-25, as well as maintaining the existing standards of governance. Safeguarding for children & young people and for adults will also be a focus including the completion of the Safeguarding Adults Framework with Ann Craft Trust.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN

Wesport holds a few small funding pots on behalf of small voluntary sector organisations to enable the achievement of local objectives for that sport or organisation. The outcomes worked towards often will straddle financial years, so funding to aid the achievement of these local objectives is held.

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 charity'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 charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, 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 and signed on their behalf by:

Guy Buckland
Chair of Trust Board
Date: 10/07/2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Guy Buckland
Chair of Trust Board
Date: 10/07/2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of West of England Sport Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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 charitable company 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 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.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST (CONTINUED)

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

- We have considered the nature of the sector, control environment and financial performance;
- We have considered the results of enquiries with management and trustees in relation to their own identification and assessment of the risk of irregularities within the entity; and
- We have reviewed the documentation of key processes and controls and performed walkthroughs of transactions to confirm that the systems are operating in line with documentation.

As a result of these procedures, we have considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the highest area of risk to be in relation to revenue recognition, with a particular risk in relation to year-end cut off. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK) we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We have also obtained understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Charities Act 2011, Charity SORP 2019, FRS 102 and the terms and conditions attaching to material grants received by the Charity. In addition, we considered the provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Charity's ability to operate or avoid a material penalty. These included data protection regulations, health and safety regulations and employment legislation.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reviewing board meeting minutes;
- Enquiring of management in relation to actual and potential claims or litigations;and
- Performing detailed transactional testing in relation to the recognition of revenue, specifically grants, with a particular focus around year-end cut off.

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgments made in accounting estimates are indicative of potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated identified laws and regulation and potential fraud risk to all trustees of the engagement team and remained alert to possible indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST (CONTINUED)

As a result of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that not all irregularities, including a material misstatement in financial statements or non-compliance with regulation, will be detected by us. The risk increases the further removed compliance with a law and regulation is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, given we will be less likely to be aware of it, or should the irregularity occur as a result of fraud rather than a one-off error, as this may involve intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

Joseph Scaife FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and behalf of
Bishop Fleming LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
10 Temple Back
Bristol
BS1 6FL

Date: 11/7/2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	**497,162**	**665,987**	**1,163,149**	1,630,198
Charitable activities	3	**138,731**	**5,288**	**144,019**	147,820
Investments	4	**54,841**	**-**	**54,841**	17,854
Total income		**690,734**	**671,275**	**1,362,009**	1,795,872
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	**559,983**	**859,430**	**1,419,413**	2,114,976
Total expenditure		**559,983**	**859,430**	**1,419,413**	2,114,976
Net movement in funds		**130,751**	**(188,155)**	**(57,404)**	(319,104)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**410,629**	**525,948**	**936,577**	1,255,681
Net movement in funds		**130,751**	**(188,155)**	**(57,404)**	(319,104)
Total funds carried forward		**541,380**	**337,793**	**879,173**	936,577

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

The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
REGISTERED NUMBER:05794916

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note		2024 £		2023 £
Tangible assets	10		**7,415**		-
			7,415		-
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**39,487**		198,161	
Cash at bank and in hand		**995,029**		1,011,643	
		1,034,516		1,209,804	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(162,758)**		(273,227)	
Net current assets			**871,758**		936,577
Total assets less current liabilities			**879,173**		936,577
Total net assets			**879,173**		936,577
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	13		**337,793**		525,948
Unrestricted funds	13		**541,380**		410,629
Total funds			**879,173**		936,577

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 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

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

Guy Buckland
Chair of Trust Board
Date: 10/07/2024

The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**(63,061)**	(386,493)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income received	**54,841**	17,854
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**(8,394)**	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	**46,447**	**17,854**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**(16,614)**	**(368,639)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**1,011,643**	1,380,282
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**995,029**	1,011,643

The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 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.

West of England Sport Trust 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.

1.2 COMPANY STATUS

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 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 company 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 company 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

1.4 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Trustees continue to monitor the long-term reserves of the charity. Under all the scenarios reviewed, the charity has sufficient reserves to enable it to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.5 INCOME

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

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.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 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 shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

All assets costing more than £5,000 are capitalised.

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.

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	-
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% straight line

1.8 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

1.9 DEBTORS

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

1.10 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.12 PENSIONS

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

1.13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Financial instruments includes cash at bank, trade debtors, accrued income from financial instruments (comprising dividends and interest due from investments), trade creditors and accrued expenditure.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Restricted funds 2024 £**	**Total funds 2024 £**	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	500	1,000	**1,500**	15,000
Grants	496,662	664,987	**1,161,649**	1,615,198
	497,162	665,987	**1,163,149**	1,630,198
TOTAL 2023	487,136	1,143,062	1,630,198	

Included within restricted grant funding, £414,844 relates to NHS income and £60,000 relates to Avon & Somerset Police income.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Restricted funds 2024 £**	**Total funds 2024 £**	Total funds 2023 £
Core and operational services	6,850	-	**6,850**	3,028
Tennis	131,881	-	**131,881**	142,872
Grant funding	-	5,288	**5,288**	1,920
	138,731	5,288	**144,019**	147,820
TOTAL 2023	145,900	1,920	147,820	

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Total funds 2024 £**	Total funds 2023 £
Interest on deposit accounts	54,841	**54,841**	17,854
TOTAL 2023	17,854	17,854	

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Core and operational services	427,179	-	**427,179**	442,957
Sport England	-	272,699	**272,699**	562,338
Grant funding	-	586,731	**586,731**	974,677
Tennis	132,804	-	**132,804**	135,004
	559,983	859,430	**1,419,413**	2,114,976
TOTAL 2023	577,961	1,537,015	2,114,976	

Included in restricted grant funding expenditure, £344,461 relates to NHS expenditure incurred, £69,059 relates to Avon & Somerset Police expenditure incurred, £15,125 relates to Bristol City Council expenditure incurred and £113,962 relates to South Gloucestershire Council expenditure incurred.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Core and operational services	332,265	94,914	**427,179**	596,299
Sport England	244,128	28,571	**272,699**	562,338
Grant funding	557,066	29,665	**586,731**	821,335
Tennis	122,917	9,887	**132,804**	135,004
	1,256,376	163,037	**1,419,413**	2,114,976
TOTAL 2023	2,000,386	114,590	2,114,976	

Included within restricted grants activities undertaken directly £325,235 relates to NHS expenditure, £69,059 relates to Avon & Somerset Police expenditure , £4,686 relates to Bristol City Council and £113,962 relates to South Gloucestershire Council expenditure incurred in the year.

Included within restricted grants support costs, £19,226 relates to NHS expenditure incurred.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF DIRECT COSTS

	Core and operational services 2024 £	**Sport England 2024 £**	**Grant funding 2024 £**	**Tennis 2024 £**	**Total funds 2024 £**	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	310,888	91,839	163,851	56,064	**622,642**	644,419
Delivery costs	13,712	13,126	32,726	66,853	**126,417**	1,355,967
Grants for delivery	7,665	139,163	360,489	-	**507,317**	-
	332,265	244,128	557,066	122,917	**1,256,376**	2,000,386
TOTAL 2023	361,682	550,577	962,089	126,038	2,000,386	

ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Core and operational services 2024 £	**Sport England 2024 £**	**Grant funding 2024 £**	**Tennis 2024 £**	**Total funds 2024 £**	Total funds 2023 £
General mangement (inc. office and staff expenses)	60,036	27,012	2,195	9,767	**99,010**	69,582
Marketing and communications	240	-	7,430	120	**7,790**	4,627
Consultancy	24,247	1,559	20,040	-	**45,846**	31,195
Governance	10,391	-	-	-	**10,391**	9,186
	94,914	28,571	29,665	9,887	**163,037**	114,590
TOTAL 2023	81,275	11,761	12,588	8,966	114,590	

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS (continued)

Included within restricted grant funding staff costs, £90,258 relates to NHS funding, £7,500 relates to Avon & Somerset police funding, £4,384 relates to Bristol City Council funding and £29,818 relates to South Gloucestershire Council funding.

Included within the restricted grant funding delivery costs, £30,668 relates to NHS delivery costs.

Included within the restricted grant funding grants for delivery, £204,309 relates to NHS delivery grants, £84,904 relates to South Gloucestershire Council and £59,059 relates to Avon & Somerset Police.

Included within support costs, NHS support costs incurred of £2,195 for general management, £7,430 for marketing and communication and £9,600 for consultancy and Bristol City Council support costs incurred of £10,440 for consultancy.

7. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor in respect of:		
Auditors' remuneration - audit	**6,000**	5,000
Auditors' remuneration - other services	**2,000**	2,000

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023: £Nil).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023: £Nil).
During the year, no Trustees received reimbursement of expenses (2023: £Nil).
During the year one Trustee provided consultancy services totalling £240 to the Charity for delivery of workshops at Health events (2023: £960)

8. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**497,404**	500,394
Social security costs	**43,465**	45,943
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**81,773**	98,082
	622,642	644,419

8. STAFF COSTS (CONTINUED)

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

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Senior Management Team	**2**	2
Development officers and administration	**15**	15
	17	17

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	**-**	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	**1**	-

9. TRUSTEES' INDEMNITY INSURANCE

During the year the charity paid £1,457 (2023: £1,234) for Trustee indemnity insurance.

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £
COST OR VALUATION	
Additions	**8,394**
At 31 March 2024	**8,394**
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for the year	**979**
At 31 March 2024	**979**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	**7,415**
At 31 March 2023	-

11. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	**35,353**	188,293
Prepayments and accrued income	**4,134**	9,868
	39,487	198,161

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	**56,380**	27,215
Other taxation and social security	**11,951**	9,793
Pension fund loan payable	**6,681**	6,645
Accruals and deferred income	**87,746**	229,574
	162,758	273,227

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Wesport Core and Operational	358,819	558,854	(427,179)	490,494
Tennis	51,810	131,880	(132,804)	50,886
	410,629	690,734	(559,983)	541,380
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Sport England	189,837	150,050	(272,699)	67,188
NHS	143,124	419,844	(356,854)	206,114
Bristol City Council	17,948	-	(15,125)	2,823
South Gloucestershire Council	126,994	-	(113,962)	13,032
Avon and Somerset Police	10,000	60,000	(69,059)	941
Other Grant Funding	38,045	41,381	(31,731)	47,695
	525,948	671,275	(859,430)	337,793
TOTAL OF FUNDS	936,577	1,362,009	(1,419,413)	879,173

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Sport England – this is funding received for programmes including Children & Young People, Workforce, Tackling Inequalities, Opening School Facilities, and Data & Insight.

NHS: This is funding from BNSSG ICB (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board) for projects including Ageing Well, Green Social Prescribing and Vanguard Mental Health for Children and Young People.

Bristol City Council: This is grant funding for the Contain Outbreak Management Fund in Bristol (COMF). This grant funding was to use physical activity and movement as a tool to deliver a targeted intervention with the power to both protect vulnerable sections of the population from the effects of further outbreaks and to assist recovery by improving physical and mental health, advancing individual lives and bringing communities together.

South Gloucestershire Council: This is grant funding for the Contain Outbreak Management Fund in South Gloucestershire (COMF). This grant funding was to use physical activity and movement as a tool to deliver a targeted intervention with the power to both protect vulnerable sections of the population from the effects of further outbreaks and to assist recovery by improving physical and mental health, advancing individual lives and bringing communities together.

Avon & Somerset Police: This grant funding is to support projects in the community that use sport and movement in its widest sense as a tool to engage young people at risk of being involved in criminal behaviour.

Other Grant Funding: this is funding received for various projects including but not limited to Opening Schools Facilities funding and community tennis funds.

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Wesport Core and Operational	293,758	508,018	(442,957)	358,819
Tennis	43,942	142,872	(135,004)	51,810
	337,700	650,890	(577,961)	410,629
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Sport England	71,550	680,624	(562,337)	189,837
NHS	579,770	-	(436,645)	143,125
Bristol City Council	123,100	-	(105,153)	17,947
South Gloucestershire Council	-	233,500	(106,506)	126,994
Avon and Somerset Police	57,465	21,000	(68,465)	10,000
Other Grant Funding	86,096	209,858	(257,909)	38,045
	917,981	1,144,982	(1,537,015)	525,948
TOTAL OF FUNDS	1,255,681	1,795,872	(2,114,976)	936,577

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Restricted funds 2024 £**	**Total funds 2024 £**
Tangible fixed assets	7,415	-	**7,415**
Current assets	611,245	423,271	**1,034,516**
Creditors due within one year	(77,280)	(85,478)	**(162,758)**
TOTAL	541,380	337,793	**879,173**

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	493,549	716,255	1,209,804
Creditors due within one year	(82,920)	(190,307)	(273,227)
TOTAL	410,629	525,948	936,577

15. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(57,404)**	(319,104)
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Depreciation charges	**979**	-
Investment income received	**(54,841)**	(17,854)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**158,674**	(191,054)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**(110,469)**	141,519
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**(63,061)**	(386,493)

16. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	**995,029**	1,011,643
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**995,029**	1,011,643

17. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,011,643	(16,614)	995,029
Debt due within 1 year	(6,645)	(36)	(6,681)
	1,004,998	(16,650)	988,348

18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2024 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	-	9,500

During the year £20,422 has been recognised in expenditure in relation to operating lease payments (2023: £18,030).

19. CHARITY INFORMATION

The West of England Sport Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a charity registered at the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The principal office is The Vassall Centre Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol, England, BS16 2QQ.

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1114495

Accounts

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WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Bishop Fleming

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees	Guy Buckland, Chair of Trust Board Susan Lesley Dors, Trustee Simon Russell, Trustee Anna Clare Hall, Trustee Paul David Harrod, Trustee Tabinda Rashid- Fadel, Trustee William Brown, Trustee
Company registered number	05794916
Charity registered number	1114495
Company secretary	Steve Nelson
Independent auditors	Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 10 Temple Back Bristol BS1 6FL
Bankers	Santander Avon Street Bristol BS2 0EL

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of the company West of England Sport Trust (Wesport) for the year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of the charity is to collectively increase, promote, support and celebrate lifelong participation in sport and realising potential for all.

West of England Sport Trust is based at its registered address and uses this site for administrative purpose.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Public Benefit Test

The West of England Sport Trust was set up with the following charitable objectives in the Memorandum of Association (the governing document):

The Charity's objects are to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the West of England and in particular to provide, or to assist in providing, and to promote:

(a) public facilities, amenities, equipment and services for healthy recreation;

(b) facilities and services for recreational, sporting or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities and services;

(c) the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation;

(d) education, training and coaching courses which promote physical health and fitness;

(e) the advancement of such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community consistent with the objects set out in (a) to (d) above as the Trustees of the Charity shall in their absolute discretion determine.

These objectives provide Wesport with sufficient flexibility to undertake a wide range of activity in the West of England. Our public benefit can be summarised as follows:

Public Benefit Statement

Through the network of organisations across the West of England we will deliver a range of opportunities to our communities to undertake sport and physical activity to improve their physical and mental health and well-being and in turn improve their quality of life. Examples include the delivery of sporting opportunities through the school, Higher Education & Further Education networks, wider community voluntary organisations who are able to support in engaging excluded communities and under-represented groups as well as through contact with

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local authority sports development and community divisions. The Wesport team works to deliver and coordinate this activity and to attract additional resources to enhance and sustain this delivery.

b. STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Wesport has continued to deliver against its charitable purpose.

The Wesport strategy **Acting with Purpose for our People and Place (2020-25)** with the Vision: **Inspire Active Lives, creating the conditions wherever possible to help everyone move more** sets out the direction of travel for Wesport. Wesport has been working proactively in collaboration with existing and new partners over the third year implementing this strategy, to make sure that moving more through sport and physical activity is for everyone across the West of England.

Wesport Strategic Themes for 2020 – 2025:

- Influencing the local ecosystem
- Focusing on information and measurement
- Wesport Delivery

c. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

To achieve this vision, the Wesport Mission has set out to:

Establish the conditions for long–term change, enabling more people to be physically active, inclusive for all.

Wesport has adopted new values that are used to guide our work and our decisions:

- We are a team of people with a passion for sport and physical activity, which is at the heart of all we do.
- Collaboration is key; we know when to take the lead and understand when someone else is better placed to do so.
- We are proud to work for Wesport and we place value in the work we do. We are always seeking new ways to make a difference.
- Teamwork is vitally important – we support one another to get the job done, with honesty and commitment.
- We are people-centred; aiming to improve local communities by working with them.

Underpinning and driving this mission are Strategic Enablers, which will ensure that the structures, capacity and direction will achieve the vision. These are:

A Marketing and Communications Plan
Sound financial planning and target setting to grow the business objectives.
A strong staff team and structure in place, with the skills and support needed for success
Robust governance, performance measurement, evaluation, and data capture systems

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

d. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

It was another busy year for Wesport, with delivery and associated activities less affected by the prior restrictions of the pandemic. However, there are still significant disparities and inequalities in access to sport and physical activity opportunities for specific groups and audiences. Wesport has worked to understand and improve opportunities through building trusted relationships with a wide range of organisations, empowered to deliver physical activity and sport as part of their efforts to support their audience from under-represented audiences. The Sport England Together Fund (formerly known as the Tackling Inequalities Fund) has been used with a specific focus to address this. This has also widened Wesport's reach across the network within the West of England, creating relationships with new organisations to reach the target groups and continue to create a positive impact in areas that need it most.

The capacity of the Wesport staff team has increased, through additional Wesport employees and numerous commissioned roles external to Wesport. This covers both the focus on place-based working in Lockleaze (Bristol) and Weston-super-Mare (North Somerset), as well as a specific health focus on the social prescribing of physical activity, financially supporting five roles across the West of England. Wesport's health work has prioritised Ageing Well, physical activity social prescribing and mental health.

Other Wesport activity has continued throughout the year, including very successful Parks Tennis (Bristol) and Tennis@The Park (Bath and Keynsham) programmes.

Wesport continues to ensure that it is embedded within the local ecosystem of sport and physical activity. Wesport empowers people and organisations that have a direct connect with target audiences to impact on participation in sport and physical activity. This has been a priority in the co-ordination and management of the Together Fund (previously Tackling Inequalities Fund) and in the distribution of resources provided to local community organisations for sport and physical activity provision.

Headlines summarising Wesport's activity include:

- **School Games** – Engagement continues throughout the year with the School Games Organiser (SGO) network. There is a continued focus to reframe the School Games offer to address inactivity and inequality. The Commonwealth Games funding that the SGO network accessed has this year been used to provide a range of opportunities. A small percentage of existing Level 3 events and competitions were delivered throughout the year. Between January – March 2023 these have included Sports Hall Athletics – 20 schools with 450+ young people competed in the primary event and 36 schools with 250+ young people competed in the secondary event, and secondary netball with 8 teams and 96 young people taking part in the competition.

- **Bristol Parks Tennis** – The Parks Tennis sites (Canford Park, St George Park, and Eastville Park) have continued to attract considerable usage. By the end of the year more than 4,000+ court bookings had been recorded. A team of coaches have continued to deliver a programme of coaching courses across all three sites to meet the needs of the participants. These have included adult and junior focused sessions along with beginner and improver opportunities. Community Tennis Sessions have continued with an increased range of community organisations accessing opportunities. Engagement with Central Lawn Tennis Club has resulted in Wesport being seen as the right organisation to co-ordinate and administer the Happy Lane Fund. The fund aims to support community tennis and reduce the barriers to enable everyone to play tennis.

- **Bath and North East Somerset Tennis @ the Park** – This year saw the first full year of delivery under the Tennis @ the Park banner. At the end of the year memberships had seen a steady increase exceeding anticipated figures along with 2,000+ pay and play sessions being booked. Engagement with the coaching company Blue Sky provided the opportunity to deliver a small coaching programme aimed at the adult audience. It provided a chance to determine the demand for these opportunities.

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- **Tackling Inequalities Fund / Together Fund** – Continued funding for phase 4 of the Together Fund (formerly Tackling Inequalities Fund) was secured by Wesport from Sport England. Throughout this year Wesport have continued to work in partnership with VOSCUR – VCSE anchor partner for Bristol to ensure that the outcomes of the fund are met. The aim of the fund has continued to focus on four priority audiences:

- People from Lower Socio Economic groups
- Black, Asian and Ethnically Diverse Communities,
- People with Long Term Health Conditions, and
- Disabled People.

The aim remains to narrow the inequalities gap in Sport and Physical Activity that is still evident following the COVID–19 pandemic. In phase 4 funding was distributed to 166 projects. 48% to Culturally Diverse Communities, 24% to Low Incomes, 30% to Long Term Health Conditions and 20% to Disabled People, noting that a number of organisations cover more than one target audience.

Alongside the delivery of the projects VOSCUR continued to deliver a resilience support package of workshops based on evidenced need that was available to all organisations involved in the programme. Total funding distributed to the 166 community organisations through this phase 4 of Together Fund was £381,556. This brings the total through all four phases (since April 2021) to £795,284 funding 178 organisations through to end March 2023.

An application was submitted in January 2023 to Sport England which was successful in securing extension funding to provide an additional six months of delivery (April – September 2023). A new process for the allocation of this fund supported the application and will be put into practice at implementation.

A Tackling Inequalities Fund impact report has been written highlighting the impact this project has provided over the initial three years of delivery.

- **Opening School Facilities** – Towards the end of 2022 Wesport were made aware of the launch of phase 3 of the programme and the opportunity to access further funding. Working closely with the Active Partnership Network, Wesport were successful in securing funding for the programme. Timescales were very tight with year 1 funding being allocated late in December 2022 with a spend deadline of March 2023. Despite this deadline 19 schools were successful in being allocated funding for their plans.

- **PE Conference** – Although a conference was planned for the Autumn a confusion with the date and a booking at the venue meant that the conference had to be cancelled.

- **Primary School Engagement** – Relevant team members have continued to engage with the network of Primary schools across the West of England. Changes have been made to Wesport's website to encourage increased interaction with the information being provided. There has been a specific focus on the Active Lives survey and a drive to encourage more schools to sign up and complete in order to ensure that there is additional data available for the Wesport area to inform decision making and partner engagement. This year a place-based approach has been adopted with six localities across the area being identified based on a number of factors to secure targeted work from the team focusing on children and young people.

- **Fund Distribution** – In addition to managing the distribution of national funding (Together Fund – Sport England; Opening School Facilities – Dept for Education), during this year Wesport have managed the grant processes of the following funds:

1) The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) The Green Social Prescribing Fund (GSP) which aims to support community organisations to develop projects with a focus on mental wellbeing. The final round of the fund was managed with a clear link to Together Fund

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applications and organisations. During this round 8 organisations were funded through the GSP allocation and 6 organisations through the GSP allocation and Together Fund jointly.

2) The Crime Prevention Fund on behalf of Avon and Somerset Police which aims to support projects within focus areas that use sport and physical activity to reduce violence, crime, and anti-social behaviour in targeted areas. Across the Wesport area 9 projects were funded with a total of 641 participants being supported.

3) Ageing Well Communities Activities Budget – One of the identified projects within the Live Longer Better application. Awards were made in conjunction with Together Fund applications that met the identified criteria

4) Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) (South Gloucestershire) Positive Activities Grant – linked to the COMF delivery in South Gloucestershire, 16 organisations were funded who met the agreed criteria.

Wesport continues to utilise its communication channels to maintain engagement with the network which is very important to ensure connectivity. A regular bulletin continues to be produced and is now sent monthly to a growing circulation list. This includes specific Club and PE bulletins as well.

Wesport's Twitter account (@WesportAP) recorded 3,366 profile visits and 34,000 tweet impressions. The Facebook account has 1225 followers & reaches 64,412 with 1430 profile visits. The website has received 22,104 users with the Bristol Parks Tennis site recording the highest number of visits. These are closely followed by Tennis@ the Park and the Fallproof Campaign. This year Wesport have expanded its reach through an Instagram account that at the end of the year recorded 724 followers.

Wesport also supported several campaigns through the year, including as examples: This Girl Can, Join the Movement, We Are Undefeatable, UK Coaching Week, Mental Health Awareness Week, International Women's Day, UK Race Equality Week, National Apprenticeship Week, Live Longer Better, Black History Month, Parents in Sport Week, Safeguarding Adults Week, Kick Plastics Out of Sport, Rainbow Laces, and Every Mind Matters.

Wesport has been working with Press Red (a data and insight consultancy) to evolve its data and insight function, and is also starting to focus on the organisations' collection and use of data & insight for Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL). Over the year Press Red have engaged with the team to develop knowledge and understanding of this area and the use of the various sources of data. Mapping tools have been specifically created for the Together Fund and for the Children and Young People area of work to inform gaps in provision and areas that need a specific focus. Valuable support has been given to the members of the team delivering the Ageing Well (Live Longer Better) project to ensure that learning is captured at relevant points on the journey and to create an effective report for evaluation. Regular key messages connected to the release of Active Lives data (adults and children) are shared with the team. Initial discussions have taken place about using data and insight to tell Wesport's story.

In relation to engagement with the sector's Workforce, there has been an increase in the number and frequency of contacts with National Governing Bodies of Sport. Meetings have been a mechanism to ensure that shared outcomes are known and actions taken appropriately to support these. The demand for face-to-face courses is still very low and a very small programme of courses was planned, however only one of these took place which was a First Aid training course.

Engagement with the professional network took place through Wesport's first face to face event since the pandemic, in September 2022 – a Sport and Physical Activity Network (SPAN) event was organised and delivered. A range of organisations attended the event covering 80+ attendees. The event looked at the use of data and insight to guide our work, partnership working through the Together Fund, and Wesport's journey to become an anti-racist organisation. The event has been followed up with smaller networking opportunities throughout the year which have include a Social Prescribing webinar and Race Equality workshops.

Community Organisations – Wesport continues to maintain and develop its connections with voluntary sector community organisations across the West of England to focus on reducing inequalities and engagement of inactive individuals from lower socio-economic groups primarily in under-served areas. This has been driven through the Tackling Inequalities Fund, with a specific focus on working with Black, Asian and Ethnically Diverse

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Communities. Organisations receiving funding through the fund has reached a total of 108 projects. These include Active Being Ltd, Access Sport, Barton Hill Activity Club, Bridges for Communities, Bristol Horn Youth Concern, Bristol MIND, Bristol Refugee Rights, Bristol Steppin Sisters, Eastside Community Trust, Friends of Grove Park, Friends of Page Park, Genesis Trust, Headway, Imayla, Khaas, Life Cycle UK, Open Minds Active, Soul Trail Wellbeing, Unseen UK, We Are Aware, and Youth Moves.

Wesport continues to engage with each of the four Unitary Authorities of the West of England. This engagement has included:

In Bristol

Discussions have been on going to re-energise the 'One City Sports Strategy'. The Unitary Authority has been given the opportunity to access additional Core Cities funding from Sport England to work with the local system. Wesport is working closely with the council on achieving the outcomes of the bid.

The delivery of the Contain Outbreak Management Funding (COMF) project has been a focus of work across three areas of the city working closely with the Healthy Living Centres and the social prescribing network. Physical Activity Link Workers have been recruited to develop links between identified need and local physical activity opportunities in the community.

Wesport continues to work closely with Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust to develop local opportunities for participation and collaboration. Funding continues to be allocated to support an existing member of staff in this organisation to work one day a week in the community. This is continuing to be very successful. Initial conversations and plans have taken place to use data & insight to identify gaps in provision and focus areas for targeted opportunities.

Engagement continues with the relevant departments within Bristol City Council to deliver the Parks Tennis programme across the three parks sites.

In South Gloucestershire

Engagement with the Public Health team has resulted in Wesport being one of the partners leading the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) project delivery across the unitary authority area. Working closely with Southern Brooks, Wesport have supported the recruitment of two physical activity link workers and the dissemination of Positive Activities grants to 16 organisations.

New discussions have commenced around a Community Use Agreement at The Grange (Netball Centre) and the role Wesport can and may play in ensuring the agreement is met.

In North Somerset

The focus continues to be on Weston and the strategic group Active Weston. Working closely with the Active Lifestyles Team and with Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS), funding continues to be secured to maintain the employment of an activator to work closely with the community to develop opportunities. In the last quarter of the year Public Health funding and Together Fund funding were aligned with the Together Fund panel awarding funding to physical activity projects delivered by organisations in North Somerset.

In Bath and North East Somerset

There has been involvement in the recruitment of a new Head of Leisure and Physical Activity and initial conversations have taken place about shared outcomes and objectives. The engagement with the UA continues through the Tennis@ the Park tender delivery. Support has been given to an Active Travel funding application which has now resulted in representation on a steering group in the Somer Valley area delivering a 'Beat the Streets' project. Plans were in place to join together funding opportunities locally primarily around the Together Fund, this did not reach a conclusion this year however it will be re-discussed in the next year of engagement.

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Connecting with Health Networks

Wesport's connection to the health network / landscape across the West of England has strengthened with a growing relationship building with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) covering Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire. Delivery commenced at the start of this year of the 'Live Longer Better' (Ageing Well) project and the seven test and learn components. A Senior Project Manager was appointed at the start of the year to implement the planned activity. All of the projects were delivered to varying degrees. An impact report was produced at the end of 9 months of delivery which has resulted in extension funding for 5 of the 7 projects to start in April 2023.

The delivery of the COMF funded project in Bristol also commenced at the start of the year with the appointment of a Project Manager. Engagement across the Social Prescribing network has increased with strong partnerships being formed to ensure successful delivery of the outcomes. Each focus area (North, Inner City and East and South Bristol) have appointed Physical Activity Link Workers. Ongoing interaction with the Green Social Prescribing Board (CCG subgroup) continues with support to the administration of the final round of the fund. There have been close links with the distribution of the Together Fund awards that have ensured there is no duplication of funding.

Governance Update

Required as an organisation in receipt of significant Sport England funding, Wesport underwent a Governance Review which was undertaken by BDO, commissioned by Sport England. The process commenced in December 2022 with a series of detailed interviews taking place with Trustees and Senior Managers alongside an extensive review of documentation. The review resulted in an overall 'Good' rating showing that Wesport has detailed arrangements in place to support good governance.

Wesport underwent an external Trust Board evaluation in November 2021, carried out by specialist consultancy firm Campbell Tickell. Their final report in June 2022 summarised Wesport's governance as:

Wesport have well-developed and effective governance. Wesport has a high performing Board that is quickly developing as an effective team, despite several Trustees joining reasonably recently and during the pandemic. We found Wesport and its Board to be particularly strong in the following key areas, where we judged their performance to be mature:

- Skills, competence, diversity
- Strategic role
- Dynamics and culture
- Conduct of meetings

Sustaining and improving governance requires a regular and focused approach. Wesport will continue to work to ensure regular reviews of governance policies and processes align with the excellent report received following this evaluation and the BDO assessment.

Sport England Code of Sports Governance (Tier 3) – this Code was reviewed and updated in 2021, with several elements amended and 7 new requirements for Tier 3 (the highest level, which Wesport must meet). Sport England also commissioned an external body, AGS Consortium, to provide support to all System Partners to establish robust Diversity and Inclusion Action Plans.

The initial submission against the updated Tier 3 requirements took place in Q4 of 2022-23, with a final submission in April 2023. An action plan will be created in partnership with Sport England that will cover Tier 3 requirements, the recommendations from the BDO Governance Assurance Review, and the Campbell Tickell external evaluation. The work with AGS Consortium on the creation of the updated Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan will also take place in 2023-24.

As such, internal governance for Wesport will continue to be a key focus for 2023-24.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Race Equality - Wesport has continued its journey to become an anti–racist organisation. A number of areas of the organisation, has seen the impact of the actions developed, identifying key milestones with the team and Trustees. This includes:

- Building strategic relationships, including with SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality, a local charity that supports victims of hate), establishing a two year agreement to work together
- Staff and Trustee Race Equality training delivered by SARI
- Offer and delivery of Race Equality training for professional network colleagues – three workshops delivered between November 2022 and February 2023. This was also delivered by SARI as part of the agreement with Wesport
- Workforce Innovation Fund utilised to engage with Refugee and Asylum Seekers
- Focus on engaging culturally diverse communities through initiatives including Together Fund, where a proportion of the fund went to organisations working directly within these communities.
- Working with Press Red to improve the quality and understanding of local demographic data, including understanding how diverse the culturally diverse communities are across the West of England;
- Intentionally working with culturally diverse organisations such as Bristol Somali Voice, Pakistani Welfare Organisation, Bangladeshi Womens' Group, Chinese Community and Polish speakers (Live Longer Better project).

Safeguarding – As part of Wesport's funding agreement with Sport England an annual review is required to take place with the Child Protection In Sport Unit (CPSU) to ensure that appropriate safeguarding standards are being met. Following the review meeting that took place in November 2022 Wesport received confirmation that the organisation is meeting the standards as expected. Some of the examples provided were also shared with the wider Active Partnership network as examples of best practice.

e. SUMMARY

2022/23 has seen the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic still impacting on the lives of the people of the West of England. The inequalities that existed before the pandemic, widened during the outbreak, are still the priority focus. This period has proven invaluable in developing Wesport's understanding of the place it is working to support, how resilient it is, along with its challenges and opportunities.

The role of Wesport to advocate for the importance of physical activity continues to be important. There are many parts of the local ecosystem where moving more, physical activity, and sport can play a positive role in achieving much wider outcomes. The Wesport Board of Trustees and team remain focused on the vision and mission of the organisation, and their contribution to achieving them.

2022/23 saw Wesport build on new opportunities that emerged in 2021/22. Networks and relationship building have continued to grow. Wesport's role in the West of England voluntary sector landscape has improved, in particular working with VOSCUR delivering the Tackling Inequalities Fund / Together Fund, and the subsequent relationship with the further three VCSE anchor organisations in the other three unitary authorities.

Wesport's Trustees continue to recognise the excellent progress that the team has made in working effectively across the West of England, particularly noting the challenges of working across such a complex area. A key element to this is how effectively the team works openly & collaboratively, both within Wesport and across the wider network. The Trustees are grateful for the hard work of the team & the continued focus on the strategic aims of the organisation.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. RESULT FOR THE YEAR

The accounts on pages 19 to 35 set out the details of the statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2023 and the balance sheet as at that date.

During 2023 total income decreased from £2,266,190 to £1,795,872 and total expenditure increased from £1,469,565 to £2,114,976. The resulting deficit in the year is £319,104.

b. 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

c. RESERVES POLICY

The reserves of the charity should be of a sufficient level to ensure that its recurring commitments and planned revenue expenditure can be met out of income. The trustees will aim to maintain a minimum of £200k in reserves to cover working capital requirements and to allow for wind up costs should that occur.

At 31 March 2023 the Charity held total reserves of £936,577 represented by restricted reserves of £525,948 and unrestricted reserves of £410,629.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed. The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity number 1114495.

The principal object of the company is to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the West of England and to provide, or to assist in providing, and to promote: -

(1) public facilities, amenities, equipment, and services for healthy recreation.
(2) facilities and services for recreational, sporting, or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities and services.
(3) the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation.
(4) education, training and coaching courses which promote physical health and fitness.
(5)the advancement of such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community consistent with the objects set out in 3 (a) to (d) above as the Trustees of the Charity shall in their absolute discretion determine.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Once Trustees are appointed, each goes through a comprehensive induction process, including receiving a copy of the Wesport Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association, recent board papers, minutes and dates of next meetings, a copy of the latest Wesport Strategy and most recent audited accounts.

Trustees receive an induction pack with the documents highlighted above, and including further policy documents – Delegations Policy, Financial Procedures and Policy, Risk Management Plan and Risk Register Policy, Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, Wesport Trustee Handbook. In addition, Trustee training opportunities are provided through national and local organisations, through direct engagement with the staff team and at events to understand the business of Wesport and the environment the organisation operates within. In February 2022 the Board received Safeguarding Training (Children and Adults at Risk) which was delivered by the Child Protection in Sport Unit and The Ann Craft Trust.

Trustees are provided with information about Wesport – Current Trustees / Patrons, Staff Structure and Governance, Chief Executive Officer's job description, Operations Plan for the current financial year and contact details for the CEO and senior team.

Finally, Trustees are provided with information about their role – Trustee Role Description and Person Specification, Good Trustee Practice Information (Charity Commission), Trustee Declaration of Interests, Governance Documents to Sign and Return, Trustee Skills Matrix.

d. PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

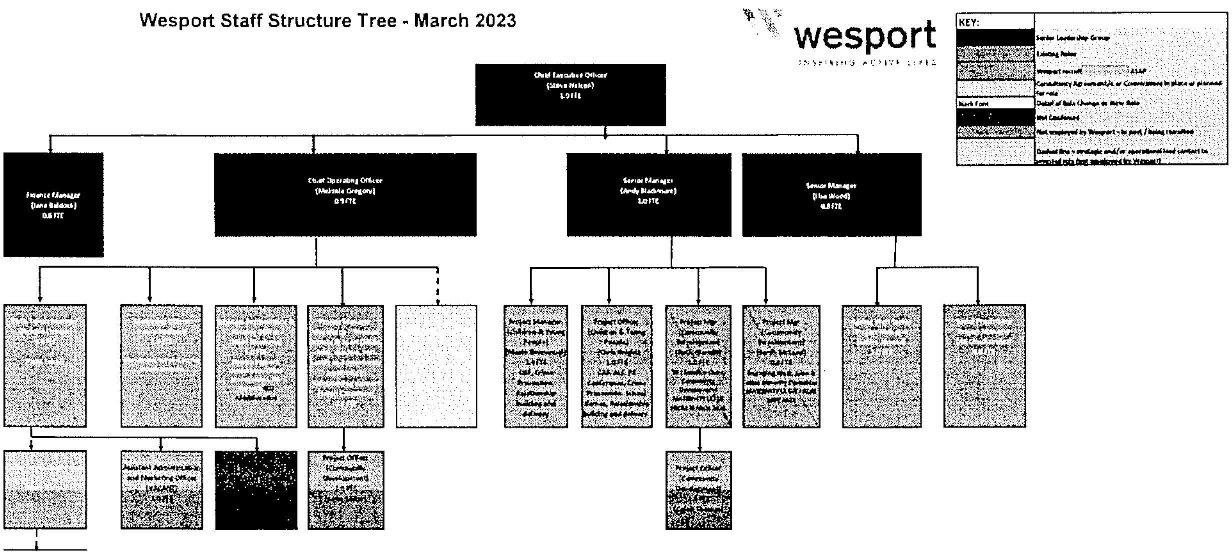
Wesport has a pay and remunerations policy approved by the board and adhered to on an annual basis. Senior staff pay is a part of this, with specific roles identified at an agreed band of remuneration.

e. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed Wesport's exposure to major risks, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

f. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING



FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There will continue to be a strong focus on tackling inequalities in our communities that have widened further following the pandemic. The Together Fund in particular aims to support organisations with recovery from the impact on the target audiences. Wesport's engagement within the Health System will continue to develop with the delivery of the 'Live Longer Better' Ageing Well project across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG CCG) and the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) in Bristol. These projects will be used to demonstrate impact to secure further funding.

The team will continue to focus on their journey to becoming an anti-racist organisation through the implementation of the action plan and by the engagement and collaboration locally and nationally alongside the network of Active Partnerships across England. A decision on the next steps to continue to embed data and insight and monitoring and evaluation and learning within the team will be agreed. Following the completion of the Campbell Tickell External Board Evaluation and the BDO Governance Assurance Review, the Trust Board and Senior Management Team will work to implement the recommendations of the final reports & associated actions.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN

Wesport holds a few small funding pots on behalf of small voluntary sector organisations to enable the achievement of local objectives for that sport or organisation. The outcomes worked towards often will straddle financial years, so funding to aid the achievement of these local objectives is held.

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 charity'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 charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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

Guy Buckland
Chair of Trust Board
Date: 18/07/2023

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Guy Buckland
Chair of Trust Board
Date: 18/07/2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of West of England Sport Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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 charitable company 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 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.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST (CONTINUED)

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

- We have considered the nature of the sector, control environment and financial performance;
- We have considered the results of enquiries with management and trustees in relation to their own identification and assessment of the risk of irregularities within the entity; and
- We have reviewed the documentation of key processes and controls and performed walkthroughs of transactions to confirm that the systems are operating in line with documentation.

As a result of these procedures, we have considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the highest area of risk to be in relation to revenue recognition, with a particular risk in relation to year-end cut off. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK) we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We have also obtained understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Charities Act 2011, Charity SORP 2019, FRS 102 and the terms and conditions attaching to material grants received by the Charity. In addition, we considered the provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Charity's ability to operate or avoid a material penalty. These included data protection regulations, health and safety regulations and employment legislation.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reviewing board meeting minutes;
- Enquiring of management in relation to actual and potential claims or litigations;and
- Performing detailed transactional testing in relation to the recognition of revenue, specifically grants, with a particular focus around year-end cut off.

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgments made in accounting estimates are indicative of potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated identified laws and regulation and potential fraud risk to all trustees of the engagement team and remained alert to possible indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST (CONTINUED)

As a result of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that not all irregularities, including a material misstatement in financial statements or non-compliance with regulation, will be detected by us. The risk increases the further removed compliance with a law and regulation is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, given we will be less likely to be aware of it, or should the irregularity occur as a result of fraud rather than a one-off error, as this may involve intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees 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.

Joseph Scaife FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and behalf of
Bishop Fleming LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
10 Temple Back
Bristol
BS1 6FL

Date: 27/7/23

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	**487,136**	**1,143,062**	**1,630,198**	2,043,811
Charitable activities	3	**145,900**	**1,920**	**147,820**	129,378
Investments	4	**17,854**	**-**	**17,854**	1,234
Other income	5	**-**	**-**	**-**	91,767
Total income		**650,890**	**1,144,982**	**1,795,872**	2,266,190
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	**577,961**	**1,537,015**	**2,114,976**	1,469,565
Total expenditure		**577,961**	**1,537,015**	**2,114,976**	1,469,565
Net movement in funds		**72,929**	**(392,033)**	**(319,104)**	796,625
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**337,700**	**917,981**	**1,255,681**	459,056
Net movement in funds		**72,929**	**(392,033)**	**(319,104)**	796,625
Total funds carried forward		**410,629**	**525,948**	**936,577**	1,255,681

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

The notes on pages 22 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
REGISTERED NUMBER:05794916

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note		2023 £		2022 £
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**198,161**		7,107	
Cash at bank and in hand		**1,011,643**		1,380,282	
		1,209,804		1,387,389	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(273,227)**		(131,708)	
Net current assets			**936,577**		1,255,681
Total assets less current liabilities			**936,577**		1,255,681
Total net assets			**936,577**		1,255,681
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	13		**525,948**		917,981
Unrestricted funds	13		**410,629**		337,700
Total funds			**936,577**		1,255,681

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

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

Guy Buckland
Chair of Trust Board
Date: 18/07/2023

The notes on pages 22 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**(386,493)**	853,968
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income received	**17,854**	1,234
Net cash provided by investing activities	**17,854**	**1,234**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**(368,639)**	**855,202**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**1,380,282**	525,080
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**1,011,643**	1,380,282

The notes on pages 22 to 35 form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 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.

West of England Sport Trust 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.

1.2 COMPANY STATUS

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 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 company 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 company 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

1.4 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Trustees continue to monitor the impact that Covid-19 is having on operations and are taking actions to minimise their effect on the long-term reserves of the charity. Under all the scenarios reviewed, the charity has sufficient reserves to enable it to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.5 INCOME

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

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.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 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 shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

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.

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

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	- 33% straight line

The charity holds fixed assets that cost £9,455 (2022: £9,455) and are carried in the accounts at nil net book value

1.8 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

1.9 DEBTORS

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

1.10 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.12 PENSIONS

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

In April 2021, the company also operated a defined benefits pension scheme for the local government staff which is operated by Bath and North East Somerset Council. The benefits of the scheme are governed by the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997, as amended, and the employer's contributions are set by the Fund Actuary every three years. Wesport left the Avon Pension Fund at the end of April 2021 and all staff were moved into the defined pension scheme referenced above.

1.13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Financial instruments includes cash at bank, trade debtors, accrued income from financial instruments (comprising dividends and interest due from investments), trade creditors and accrued expenditure.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	**Restricted funds 2023 £**	**Total funds 2023 £**	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	-	15,000	**15,000**	-
Grants	487,136	1,128,062	**1,615,198**	2,043,811
	487,136	1,143,062	**1,630,198**	2,043,811
TOTAL 2022	259,417	1,784,394	2,043,811	

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Core and operational services	3,028	-	**3,028**	15,778
Tennis	142,872	-	**142,872**	113,600
Grant funding	-	1,920	**1,920**	-
	145,900	1,920	**147,820**	129,378
TOTAL 2022	126,494	2,884	129,378	

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Interest on deposit accounts	17,854	**17,854**	1,234
TOTAL 2022	1,234	1,234	

5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Pension income	-	-	91,767
TOTAL 2022	91,767	91,767	

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Core and operational services	442,957	-	**442,957**	253,192
Sport England	-	562,338	**562,338**	881,666
NGB projects	-	-	**-**	1,473
Grant funding	-	974,677	**974,677**	235,859
Tennis	135,004	-	**135,004**	97,375
	577,961	1,537,015	**2,114,976**	1,469,565
TOTAL 2022	391,347	1,078,218	1,469,565	

7. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Core and operational services	361,682	81,275	**442,957**	253,192
Sport England	550,577	11,761	**562,338**	881,666
NGB projects	-	-	**-**	1,473
Grant funding	962,089	12,588	**974,677**	235,859
Tennis	126,038	8,966	**135,004**	97,375
	2,000,386	114,590	**2,114,976**	1,469,565
TOTAL 2022	1,355,878	113,687	1,469,565	

7. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF DIRECT COSTS

	Core and operational services 2023 £	Sport England 2023 £	NGB projects 2023 £	Grant funding 2023 £
Staff costs	349,177	88,320	-	153,342
Delivery costs	12,505	462,257	-	808,747
Grants for delivery	-	-	-	-
	361,682	550,577	-	962,089
TOTAL 2022	168,632	870,860	1,473	228,801

	Tennis 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	53,580	**644,419**	530,127
Delivery costs	72,458	**1,355,967**	125,999
Grants for delivery	-	-	699,752
	126,038	**2,000,386**	1,355,878
TOTAL 2022	86,112	1,355,878	

7. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Core and operational services 2023 £	**Sport England 2023 £**	**Grant funding 2023 £**	**Tennis 2023 £**	**Total funds 2023 £**	Total funds 2022 £
General mangement (inc. office and staff expenses)	48,628	6,059	6,353	8,542	**69,582**	65,942
Marketing and communications	277	-	3,926	424	**4,627**	845
Consultancy	23,184	5,702	2,309	-	**31,195**	33,828
Governance	9,186	-	-	-	**9,186**	13,072
	81,275	11,761	12,588	8,966	**114,590**	113,687
TOTAL 2022	84,560	10,806	7,058	11,263	113,687	

8. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor in respect of:		
Auditors' remuneration - audit	**5,000**	4,500
Auditors' remuneration - other services	**2,000**	1,500

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2022: £Nil).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022: £Nil).
During the year, no Trustees received reimbursement of expenses (2022: £Nil).
During the year one Trustee provided consultancy services totalling £960 to the Charity for delivery of workshops at Health events.

9. STAFF COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	**500,394**	408,841
Social security costs	**45,943**	35,845
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**98,082**	85,441
	644,419	530,127

9. STAFF COSTS (CONTINUED)

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

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Senior Management Team	**2**	2
Development officers and administration	**15**	13
	17	15

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	**1**	-
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	**-**	1

10. TRUSTEES' INDEMNITY INSURANCE

During the year the charity paid £1,234 (2022: £1,176) for Trustee indemnity insurance.

11. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	**188,293**	297
Prepayments and accrued income	**9,868**	6,810
	198,161	7,107

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	**27,215**	72,788
Other taxation and social security	**9,793**	10,471
Pension fund loan payable	**6,645**	26,499
Accruals and deferred income	**229,574**	21,950
	273,227	131,708

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Wesport Core and Operational	293,758	508,018	(442,957)	358,819
Tennis	43,942	142,872	(135,004)	51,810
	337,700	650,890	(577,961)	410,629
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Sport England	71,550	680,624	(562,337)	189,837
NGB Projects	-	-	-	-
Other Grant Funding	143,561	464,358	(432,880)	175,039
Ageing Well Fund	579,770	-	(436,645)	143,125
COMF	123,100	-	(105,153)	17,947
	917,981	1,144,982	(1,537,015)	525,948
TOTAL OF FUNDS	1,255,681	1,795,872	(2,114,976)	936,577

Sport England – this is funding received for programmes including Children & Young People, Workforce, Tackling Inequalities, Opening School Facilities, and Data & Insight.

Other Grant Funding – this is funding received for various projects including support for a sports coaching apprenticeship scheme, Green Social Prescribing grants, Crime Prevention Through Sport grants and the delivery of yoga in parks.

Ageing Well fund – this is grant funding to be used to utilise the momentum created through the Live Longer Better movement to take a system-wide approach to the Ageing Well project.

Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) – this is grant funding to use physical activity and movement as a tool to deliver a targeted intervention with the power to both protect vulnerable sections of the population from the effects of further outbreaks and to assist recovery by improving physical and mental health, advancing individual lives and bringing communities together

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Wesport Core and Operational	181,637	365,312	(253,191)	293,758
Tennis	27,718	113,600	(97,376)	43,942
	209,355	478,912	(350,567)	337,700
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Sport England	119,496	833,721	(881,667)	71,550
NGB Projects	1,473	-	(1,473)	-
Other Grant Funding	128,732	149,457	(134,628)	143,561
Ageing Well Fund	-	594,000	(14,230)	579,770
COMF	-	210,100	(87,000)	123,100
	249,701	1,787,278	(1,118,998)	917,981
TOTAL OF FUNDS	459,056	2,266,190	(1,469,565)	1,255,681

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	**Restricted funds 2023 £**	**Total funds 2023 £**
Current assets	493,549	716,255	**1,209,804**
Creditors due within one year	(82,920)	(190,307)	**(273,227)**
TOTAL	410,629	525,948	**936,577**

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	420,727	966,662	1,387,389
Creditors due within one year	(83,027)	(48,681)	(131,708)
TOTAL	337,700	917,981	1,255,681

15. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(319,104)**	796,625
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Investment income received	**(17,854)**	(1,234)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**(191,054)**	16,546
Increase in creditors	**141,519**	42,031
NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**(386,493)**	853,968

16. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	**1,011,643**	1,380,282
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**1,011,643**	1,380,282

17. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,380,282	(368,639)	1,011,643
Debt due within 1 year	(26,499)	19,854	(6,645)
	1,353,783	(348,785)	1,004,998

18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2023 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Not later than 1 year	9,500	8,530

During the year £18,030 has been recognised in expenditure in relation to operating lease payments (2022: £17,060).

19. CHARITY INFORMATION

The West of England Sport Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a charity registered at the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The principal office is The University of the West of England, Frenchay Campus, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol, BS16 1QY.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Bishop Fleming

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of the company West of England Sport Trust (Wesport) for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of the charity is to collectively increase, promote, support, and celebrate lifelong participation in sport and realising potential for all.

The West of England Sport Trust is based at its registered address and uses this site for administrative purposes.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Public Benefit Test

The West of England Sport Trust was set up with the following charitable objectives in the Memorandum of Association (the governing document):

The Charity's objects are to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the West of England and to provide, or to assist in providing:

(a) public facilities, amenities, equipment, and services for healthy recreation.

(b) facilities and services for recreational, sporting, or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities and services.

(c) the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation.

(d) education, training and coaching courses which promote physical health and fitness.

(e) the advancement of such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community consistent with the objects set out in (a) to (d) above as the Trustees of the Charity shall in their absolute discretion determine.

These objectives provide Wesport with sufficient flexibility to undertake a wide range of activity in the West of England. Our public benefit can be summarised as follows:

Public Benefit Statement

Through the network of organisations across the West of England we will deliver a range of opportunities to our communities to undertake sport and physical activity to improve their physical and mental health and well-being and in turn improve their quality of life. Examples include the delivery of sporting opportunities through the School, Higher Education & Further Education networks, wider community voluntary organisations who can support in engaging excluded communities and under-represented groups as well as through contact with the Unitary Authority Sport, Public Health and Community directorates. The Wesport team works to deliver and coordinate this activity and to attract additional resources to enhance and sustain this delivery.

a. STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Wesport has continued to deliver against its charitable purpose.

Our strategy **'Acting with Purpose for our People and Place (2020-25) with the Vision: Inspire Active Lives, creating the conditions wherever possible to help everyone move more'** sets out the direction of travel for Wesport. Wesport has been working proactively in collaboration with existing and new partners over the second year implementing this strategy, to make sure that moving through sport and physical activity is for everyone across the West of England.

Wesport Strategic Themes for 2020 – 2025:

- Influencing the local ecosystem
- Focusing on information and measurement
- Wesport Delivery

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The Wesport Mission has set out to:

Establish the conditions for long–term change, enabling more people to be physically active, inclusive for all.

Wesport has adopted new values that are used to guide our work and our decisions:

- We are a team of people with a passion for sport and physical activity, which is at the heart of all we do.
- Collaboration is key; we know when to take the lead and understand when someone else is better placed to do so.
- We are proud to work for Wesport and we place value in the work we do. We are always seeking new ways to make a difference.
- Teamwork is vitally important – we support one another to get the job done, with honesty and commitment.
- We are people-centred; aiming to improve local communities by working with them.

Underpinning and driving this mission are Strategic Enablers, which will ensure that the structures, capacity and direction will achieve the vision. These are: -

- A Marketing and Communications Plan
- Sound financial planning and target setting to grow the business objectives.

- A strong staff team and structure in place, with the skills and support needed for success
- Robust governance, performance measurement, evaluation, and data capture systems

c.MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

The beginning of this year saw an easing of the restrictions that had been in place due to Covid - 19 pandemic. This easing provided the opportunity to re-engage with many in the network, to plan potential delivery as normality returned. The pandemic has helped the team to think differently about how to engage with the network and achieve outcomes.

Against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic and the associated restrictions Wesport continued to engage with the network through virtual catch ups and regular bulletins. Anticipated delivery was in some areas greatly reduced, adapted, or put on hold. Priority was placed on maintaining communication with the network of partners and the wider West of England audience. It continues to be important to advocate for the benefits of physical activity and moving more. Programme design was adapted to reflect the immediate and ongoing needs of the audiences Wesport is focused on working with, to maintain an ability to be physically active during the pandemic and the early recovery phase.

Headlines summarising Wesport's activity include:

- School Games – The year commenced with an ongoing opportunity to be involved in a virtual challenge which replaced a face-to-face Spring Games, 10 schools and 788 Children and Young People took part in the event. Moving into the final quarter of the year, events were being delivered with the year 7,8, and 9 Netball finals taking place.
  Engagement has continued with the School Games Organiser (SGO) network with a focus on reframing the school games offer to address inequality and inactivity. An additional funding allocation of £31,500 was made available connected to provide a legacy from the 2022 Commonwealth Games. All the 8 SGO's have submitted plans to utilise this funding. Wesport has allocated a percentage of the funding to re-introduce the inclusive water sports festival that had previously taken place annually in Bristol in partnership with All Aboard Water Sports Centre.
- Bristol Parks Tennis – The Parks Tennis Sites (Canford Park, St George Park, and Eastville Park) have continued to attract considerable usage. With the easing of the restrictions and with relevant measures in place, the demand for the courts grew. By the end of the year more than 30,000 court bookings had been recorded. A team of coaches were engaged to deliver a programme of coaching courses. For the second year running Bristol Parks Tennis were winners of the Avon Lawn Tennis Association award for Communities and Parks Tennis. Community Tennis Sessions have been re-established with community organisations accessing opportunities.
  A Tennis leaders' course was delivered in March 2022 which has resulted in 20 Leaders completing the course. These leaders will be offered the opportunity of a bursary to complete their LTA level 1 qualification and support the community tennis programme.
- Bath and North East Somerset Tennis @ the Park - Following the successful tender application to Bath and North East Somerset Council Wesport added a further three Park Tennis Sites in the unitary authority area (Keynsham, Sydney Gardens and Alice Park) After a delayed start the programme Tennis @ the Park launched in September 2021. At the end of the 21-22 year 6,000 hours of usage had been recorded Due to the delayed start a coaching programme was not delivered but will be in place for the 22-23 year.
- Tackling Inequalities Fund – Wesport received further funding in phase 3 of the Tackling Inequalities Fund from Sport England. The aim of the fund continued to focus on the four target audiences: - Low Income, Culturally Diverse Communities, Long Term Health

Conditions and Disabled People. The aim still being to narrow the inequalities gap in Sport and Physical Activity, whilst supporting a recovery following the Covid – 19 pandemic. For phase 3 Wesport engaged with VOSCUR – the VCSE anchor partner for Bristol to submit a joint application. This partnership had grown from phase 2 when Wesport had supported VOSCUR who had also received funding from Sport England, to successfully allocate their funding.
In phase 3 funding was distributed to 65 projects. 48.8% to Culturally Diverse Communities, 17.5% to Low Incomes, 16.1% to Long Term Health Conditions and 17.6% to Disabled People. Alongside the delivery of the projects VOSCUR delivered a resilience support package that was available to all organisations involved.

- **Opening School Facilities** – Wesport successfully applied for available 'Opening School Facilities' funding from Sport England. The aim of the funding was to develop extracurricular opportunities and community links on school sites / facilities as well as supporting schools to open / re open their facilities for those young people on free school meals, inactive, or recognised as having special educational needs. Over the nine months of the project 26 schools (18 secondary, 4 special schools and 4 Primary) received funding to support their planned delivery.

- **PE Conference** – with restrictions lifting Wesport was able to deliver a face-to-face PE conference. 80 Primary schools were represented at the event.

- **Primary School Engagement** – within this year there has been a specific focus to work closely with the primary schools located in central Bristol. The aim of this engagement was to work with the inactive and those disadvantaged in terms of sport and physical activity. A series of taster sessions were provided throughout the year with a high percentage of participation from both the schools and their pupils.

- **Fund Distribution (GSP and Crime Prevention)** – during this year Wesport managed the grant process of two funds.

  1) The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) The Green Social Prescribing Fund (GSP) which aims to support community organisations to develop projects with a focus on mental wellbeing. Over the two funding rounds 14 organisations were funded.
  2) The Crime Prevention Fund on behalf of Avon and Somerset Police which aims to support projects within focus areas that use sport and physical activity to reduce violence, crime and anti-social behaviour in targeted areas. Across the funded projects a total of 653 participants were supported.

- Wesport continued to utilise its communication channels to maintain engagement with the network. A small percentage of face-to-face events took place. However, there was still a need for Wesport to have a strong online presence and to continue to influence and advocate for the importance of sport and physical activity. Wesport's profile and presence in the sector has been key to achieving this. A regular bulletin continues to be produced and is now sent monthly to a growing circulation list. This includes specific Club and PE bulletins as well.

- Wesport's Twitter account (@WesportAP) recorded 131,069 profile visits and 292,800 impressions. The Facebook account reaches 64,412 with 1430 profile visits. The website has received 6556 users with the Bristol Parks Tennis site recording the highest number of visits.

Wesport also supported several campaigns through the year, including as examples This Girl Can, Join the Movement, Volunteer Week, We Are Undefeatable, UK Coaching Week, School Sport Week, Mental Health Awareness Week, International Women's Day, UK Race Equality Week, National Apprenticeship week, Live Longer Better, National Walking Month, Black History Month, Parents in Sport Week, Safeguarding Adults Week, COP 26 and Mental Health Awareness Week.

Wesport has started to evolve the data and insight function and the use of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL). Following discussion with other Active Partnerships around their approach to this area, Wesport has engaged the support, advice, and guidance of Press Red a national consultancy immersed in this area of work around sport and physical activity. This commenced In January 2022. The Tackling Inequalities Fund continues to provide a platform to apply learning and use data and insight to inform ongoing delivery.

Wesport continues to ensure that it is embedded within, the local ecosystem of sport and physical activity. Wesport empowers people and organisations that have a direct connect with target audiences to impact on participation in sport and physical activity. This has been a priority in the coordination and management of the Tackling Inequalities Fund and the resources given to local community organisations to deliver sport and physical activity.

In relation to Workforce as the sector begins to recover from the pandemic. Wesport recognises not to expect an immediate return to activity for everyone. There are many factors that audiences are dealing with following the pandemic which are having an impact. Engagement with the National Governing Bodies of Sport has commenced to understand their current priorities and where there are synergies with Wesport and planned outcomes. A very small number of face-to-face courses were planned however a high percentage were cancelled due to a poor take up. The only course to be delivered was the First Aid workshop.

Community Organisations – Wesport continues to maintain and develop its connections with voluntary sector community organisations across the West of England to continue to focus on reducing inequalities and engagement of inactive individuals from lower socio- economic groups primarily in under-served areas. This has been driven through the Tackling Inequalities Fund, with a specific focus on working with Culturally Diverse Communities. Organisations receiving funding through the fund has reached a total of 65 projects. These include Ashley Community Housing, Avon Centre, Babbasa, Barton Hill Activity Club, Bath Gateway Out & About, Bath Mind, Bath Rugby Foundation, BEMSCA, Bridges for Communities, Bristol MIND, Bristol Refugee Festival, Bristol Somali Youth Voice, British Red Cross, Changes, Cognitive Paths, Diverse, DMAC, Sporting Family Change,

The Royal Foundation Coach Core Apprenticeship Programme – Phase 3 of the programme commenced and despite a few disruptions due to the pandemic the cohort of 12 apprentices completed the programme in March 2022. Wesport made the decision to no longer be the local coordinating organisation of the programme and following the end of programme 3 handed the responsibility back to Coach Core Foundation.

Wesport continues to engage with each of the four Unitary Authorities of the West of England. This engagement has included: -

In **Bristol**, Wesport has continued to input into the Bristol Active City Network, although progress has slowed down due to a change in leadership. Engagement with the Community Development Team has commenced, in order to further improve Wesport's reach to priority audiences in key localities.

An opportunity to access Contain Outbreak Management Funding (COMF) was successful, securing funding to work with the social prescribing network to improve physical activity social prescribing.

Wesport continues to work closely with Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust to develop local opportunities for participation and collaboration. Funding has been allocated to support an existing member of staff in this organisation. to work one day a week in the community. This is proving very successful, improving our ability to hear directly from people in the community we are working with.

The funding received through the Co-op Fund has continued to provide opportunities to work in St George's Park, connecting with Learning Partnership West to consult local young people.

In **South Gloucestershire** ongoing discussions around facility developments have continued, specific engagement through The Children and Young People directorate has secured support and funding to twenty primary schools to work through the Creating Active Schools Framework. Engagement with The Public Health directorate has improved significantly during the last year.

In **North Somerset**, the focus has moved to Weston-super-Mare and the development of 'Active Weston'. Working with Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS), funding has been secured to extend employment of an activator to work closely with the community to develop opportunities which have been funded through the Tackling Inequalities Fund (TIF).

In **Bath and North East Somerset**, engagement continues with senior executives. Connections have been made with the Director of Public Health and initial discussions have commenced around ways to work together through shared objectives.

The impact report for Bath Recreation Ltd was completed and presented to its Trust Board and at its Annual General Meeting.

Connecting with Health Networks – Wesport has positively increased its connection in the health network / landscape across the West of England. Connecting closely with the CCG (BNSSG) has provided the opportunity to apply to the Ageing Well Board and be successful in receiving funding to deliver a collection of test and learn projects under the 'Live, Longer, Better' title. This relationship will continue to grow supported by other interactions such as the COMF funding delivery and administration of the Green Social Prescribing fund.

As part of the funding arrangement with Sport England, Wesport underwent an external Trust Board evaluation, carried out by specialist consultancy firm Campbell Tickell. Their summary of Wesport's governance highlighted:

"Wesport have well developed and effective governance. Wesport has a high performing Board that is quickly developing as an effective team, despite several Trustees joining reasonably recently and during the pandemic. We found Wesport and its Board to be particularly strong in the following key areas, where we judged their performance to be mature:

- Skills, competence, diversity
- Strategic role
- Dynamics and culture
- Conduct of meetings."

Like any organisation, sustaining and improving governance requires a regular and focused approach. Wesport will continue to work to ensure regular reviews of governance policies and processes align with the excellent report received following this evaluation.

SUMMARY

The 2021/22 financial year has seen the restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic lessen although the impact on the lives of the people of the West of England is still evident. The inequalities identified at the beginning of the outbreak have continued to widen. Wesport has been able to start planning for a return to activity but with adapted approaches. The role of Wesport to advocate for the importance of physical activity continues to be important. Although the situation posed new challenges the Wesport team has continued to work collaboratively to achieve in a challenging environment. The team has remained focused on the Vision and Mission of the organisation, and their contribution to achieving them. During this year two new members who were welcomed into the team have been effectively introduced and work to these outcomes.

Wesport has continued its journey to become an anti–racist organisation. A clear action plan identifying key milestones has been developed with the team and trustees.

Overall, 2021/22 was a year with many new opportunities specifically to access funding. Wesport successfully secured significant additional restricted funding for a range of projects. A high percentage of this funding did not impact on the operational delivery in 2021/22 but will instead impact on activities in 2022/23. Networks and relationship building remain important and are being constantly established. Wesport's role in the West of England voluntary sector landscape continues. In particular this has been strengthened at an operational level with the partnership created with VOSCUR to deliver the Tackling Inequalities Fund and the subsequent relationship with the further three VCSE anchor organisations in the other three unitary authorities.

A second year of working in and through a pandemic situation has given the Wesport Team many challenges. The Trustees are very pleased and grateful for the way the whole team has performed and adapted in these circumstances. All staff members have continued to work proactively to maintain and develop various projects, achieving positive outcomes for the Charity, its partners, and communities across the West of England.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. RESULT FOR THE YEAR

The accounts on pages 16 to 33 set out the details of the statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2022 and the balance sheet as at that date.

There were net incoming resources for the year of £2,174,740. This is much higher than last year due to funding detailed on page 31.

Wesport's exit from the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) was completed in May 2021. The final payment settlement was received in October 2021.

b. 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

c. RESERVES POLICY

The reserves of the Charity should be of a sufficient level to ensure that its recurring commitments and planned revenue expenditure can be met out of income. The Trustees will aim to maintain a target of unrestricted reserves of between £200,000 and £250,000 to cover any uncertainties and working capital requirements, and this amount will be reviewed at least annually.

At 31 March 2022 the Charity held total reserves of £1,255,681 represented by restricted reserves of £917,981 and unrestricted reserves of £337,700. While the year-end unrestricted figure is higher than the target referenced above, it is noted that post-year end, circa £85,000 of this has been designated for specific usage within 2022-23, bringing the unrestricted reserve level back in line with the target amount.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed.

The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity number 1114495.

The principal object of the company is to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the West of England and to provide, or to assist in providing, and to promote: -

(1) public facilities, amenities, equipment, and services for healthy recreation.
(2) facilities and services for recreational, sporting, or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities and services.
(3) the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation.
(4) education, training and coaching courses which promote physical health and fitness.
(5) the advancement of such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community consistent with the objects set out in 3 (a) to (d) above as the Trustees of the Charity shall in their absolute discretion determine.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed. The five new Trustees appointed in January 2021 have engaged with the Trust Board, one of the Trustees resigned from the Board due to personal reasons in the first quarter of 2021 – 22.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Once Trustees are appointed, each goes through a comprehensive induction process, including receiving a copy of the Wesport Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association, recent board papers, minutes and dates of next meetings, a copy of the latest Wesport Strategy and most recent audited accounts.

Trustees receive an induction pack with the documents highlighted above, and including further policy documents – Delegations Policy, Financial Procedures & Policy, Risk Management Plan & Risk Register Policy, Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy, Wesport Trustee Handbook. In addition, Trustee training opportunities are provided through national and local organisations, through direct engagement with the staff team and at events to understand the business of Wesport and the environment the organisation operates within. In February 2022 the Board received Safeguarding Training (Children and Adults at Risk) which was delivered by the Child Protection in Sport Unit and The Ann Craft Trust.

Trustees are provided with information about Wesport – Current Trustees / Patrons, Staff Structure & Governance, Chief Executive Officer's job description, Operations Plan for the current financial year and contact details for the CEO and senior team.

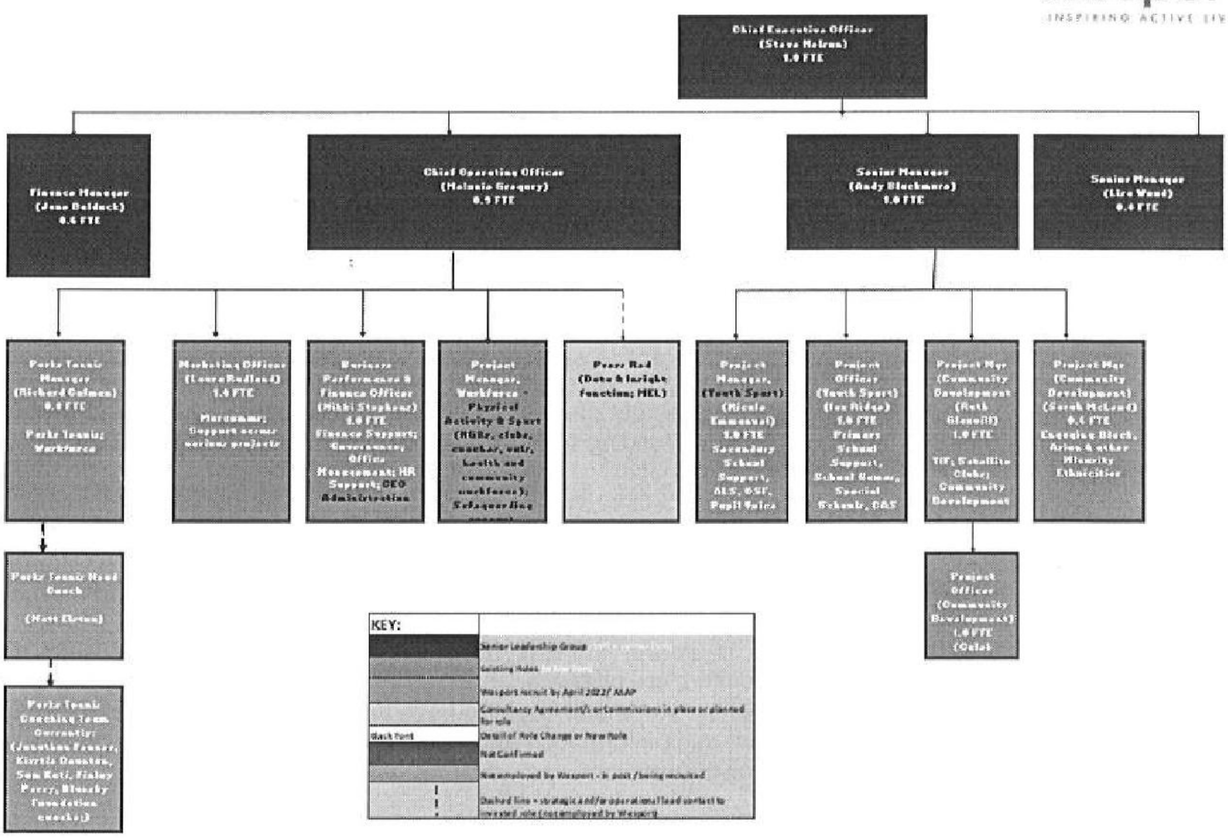
Finally, Trustees are provided with information about their role – Trustee Role Description & Person Specification, Good Trustee Practice Information (Charity Commission), Trustee Declaration of Interests, Governance Documents to Sign & Return, Trustee Skills Matrix at least annually.

d. PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Wesport has a pay and remunerations policy approved by the board and adhered to on an annual basis. Senior staff pay is a part of this, with specific roles identified at an agreed band of remuneration.

e. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

Wesport Staff Structure Tree - March 2022



Wesport has a Trust Board Legal and Regulatory responsibilities policy, setting out the Board's approach to ensuring full compliance with all legal requirements, including finance, planning and management, internal controls and risk management. Wesport also has a delegations policy, agreed by the board of Trustees, which sets out clear delegated responsibility for CEO and senior staff on decision making. On a day-to-day basis, clear policies and procedures are in place to maintain good governance and appropriate lines of communication regarding decision making.

f. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed Wesport's exposure to major risks, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There will continue to be a strong focus on tackling inequalities in our communities that have widened further following the pandemic. The Together Fund in particular aims to support organisations with recovery from the impact on the target audiences. Our engagement within the Health System will continue to develop with the delivery of the 'Live Longer Better' Ageing Well project across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG CCG) and the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) in Bristol. These projects will be used to demonstrate impact to secure further funding.

The team will continue to focus on their journey to becoming an anti-racist organisation through the implementation of the action plan and by the engagement and collaboration locally and nationally alongside the network of Active Partnerships across England. A decision on the next steps to continue to embed data and insight and monitoring and evaluation and learning within the team will be agreed. Following the completion of the External Board Evaluation the Trust Board and Senior Management Team will work to implement the recommendations of the final report. Wesport will prepare for their Sport England Assurance Review from September onwards.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN

Wesport holds a few small funding pots on behalf of small voluntary sector organisations to enable the achievement of local objectives for that sport or organisation. The outcomes worked towards often will straddle financial years, so funding to aid the achievement of these local objectives is held.

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 company'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 company's auditors are aware of that information.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of West of England Sport Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

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 company'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 company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 19/7/22 and signed on their behalf by:

Susan Dors
Chair of Trust Board
Date:

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of West of England Sport Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; 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 charitable company 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 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.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST (CONTINUED)

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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

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

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors 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 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

- We have considered the nature of the sector, control environment and financial performance;
- We have considered the results of enquiries with management and trustees in relation to their own identification and assessment of the risk of irregularities within the entity; and
- We have reviewed the documentation of key processes and controls and performed walkthroughs of transactions to confirm that the systems are operating in line with documentation.

As a result of these procedures, we have considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the highest area of risk to be in relation to revenue recognition, with a particular risk in relation to year-end cut off. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK) we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We have also obtained understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Charities Act 2011, Charity SORP 2019, FRS 102 and the terms and conditions attaching to material grants received by the Charity. In addition, we considered the provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Charity's ability to operate or avoid a material penalty. These included data protection regulations, health and safety regulations and employment legislation.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
  Performing analytical procedures to identify unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reviewing board meeting minutes;
- Enquiring of management in relation to actual and potential claims or litigations;and
- Performing detailed transactional testing in relation to the recognition of revenue, specifically grants, with a particular focus around year-end cut off.

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgments made in accounting estimates are indicative of potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated identified laws and regulation and potential fraud risk to all trustees of the engagement team and remained alert to possible indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

As a result of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that not all irregularities, including a material misstatement in financial statements or non-compliance with regulation, will be detected by us. The risk increases the further removed compliance with a law and regulation is from the events and transactions reflected

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST (CONTINUED)

in the financial statements, given we will be less likely to be aware of it, or should the irregularity occur as a result of fraud rather than a one-off error, as this may involve intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, 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 trustees 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.

Joseph Scaife FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Bishop Fleming LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
10 Temple Back
Bristol
BS1 6FL

Date: 16/8/22

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	259,417	1,784,394	2,043,811	790,038
Charitable activities	3	126,494	2,884	129,378	78,781
Investments	4	1,234	-	1,234	1,281
Other income	5	91,767	-	91,767	3,700
Total income		478,912	1,787,278	2,266,190	873,800
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	350,567	1,118,998	1,469,565	863,089
Total expenditure		350,567	1,118,998	1,469,565	863,089
Net movement in funds		128,345	668,280	796,625	10,711
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		209,355	249,701	459,056	448,345
Net movement in funds		128,345	668,280	796,625	10,711
Total funds carried forward		337,700	917,981	1,255,681	459,056

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

The notes on pages 21 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
REGISTERED NUMBER:05794916

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note		2022 £		2021 £
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**7,107**		23,653	
Cash at bank and in hand		**1,380,282**		525,080	
		1,387,389		548,733	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(131,708)**		(89,677)	
Net current assets			**1,255,681**		459,056
Total assets less current liabilities			**1,255,681**		459,056
Total net assets			**1,255,681**		459,056
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	13		**917,981**		249,701
Unrestricted funds	13		**337,700**		209,355
Total funds			**1,255,681**		459,056

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

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 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

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

Susan Dors
Chair of Trust Board
Date: 19/7/22

The notes on pages 21 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**853,968**	8,260
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income received	**1,234**	1,281
Net cash provided by investing activities	**1,234**	**1,281**
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**855,202**	**9,541**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**525,080**	515,539
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**1,380,282**	525,080

The notes on pages 21 to 34 form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 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.

West of England Sport Trust 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.

1.2 COMPANY STATUS

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 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 company 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 company 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

1.4 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Trustees continue to monitor the impact that Covid-19 is having on operations and are taking actions to minimise their effect on the long-term reserves of the charity. Under all the scenarios reviewed, the charity has sufficient reserves to enable it to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.5 INCOME

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

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.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 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 shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

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.

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

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	- 33% straight line

The charity holds fixed assets that cost £9,455 (2021: £9,455) and are carried in the accounts at nil net book value

1.8 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

1.9 DEBTORS

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

1.10 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.12 PENSIONS

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

In April 2021, the company also operated a defined benefits pension scheme for the local government staff which is operated by Bath and North East Somerset Council. The benefits of the scheme are governed by the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997, as amended, and the employer's contributions are set by the Fund Actuary every three years. Wesport left the Avon Pension Fund at the end of April 2021 and all staff were moved into the defined pension scheme referenced above.

1.13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Financial instruments includes cash at bank, trade debtors, accrued income from financial instruments (comprising dividends and interest due from investments), trade creditors and accrued expenditure.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants	259,417	1,784,394	**2,043,811**	790,038
TOTAL 2021	264,217	525,821	790,038	

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Core and operational services	126,494	2,884	**129,378**	78,781
TOTAL 2021	78,781	-	78,781	

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Interest on deposit accounts	1,234	**1,234**	1,281
TOTAL 2021	1,281	1,281	

5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Pension income	91,767	**91,767**	3,700
TOTAL 2021	3,700	3,700	

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Core and operational services	253,192	-	**253,192**	323,653
Sport England	-	881,666	**881,666**	499,538
NGB projects	-	1,473	**1,473**	1,925
Grant funding	-	235,859	**235,859**	37,973
Tennis	97,375	-	**97,375**	-
	350,567	1,118,998	**1,469,565**	863,089
TOTAL 2021	323,653	539,436	863,089	

7. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Core and operational services	168,632	84,560	**253,192**	323,653
Sport England	870,860	10,806	**881,666**	499,538
NGB projects	1,473	-	**1,473**	1,925
Grant funding	228,801	7,058	**235,859**	37,973
Tennis	86,112	11,263	**97,375**	-
	1,355,878	113,687	**1,469,565**	863,089
TOTAL 2021	767,751	95,338	863,089	

7. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF DIRECT COSTS

	Core and operational services 2022 £	Sport England 2022 £	NGB projects 2022 £	Grant funding 2022 £
Staff costs	157,906	302,704	-	28,737
Delivery costs	10,656	26,527	18	43,466
Grants for delivery	70	541,629	1,455	156,598
	168,632	870,860	1,473	228,801
TOTAL 2021	237,461	490,593	1,925	37,772

	Tennis 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	40,780	**530,127**	482,713
Delivery costs	45,332	**125,999**	44,845
Grants for delivery	-	**699,752**	240,193
	86,112	**1,355,878**	767,751
TOTAL 2021	-	767,751	

7. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Core and operational services 2022 £	Sport England 2022 £	NGB projects 2022 £	Grant funding 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
General mangement (inc. office and staff expenses)	47,925	9,493	5,850	8,524	**71,792**	45,537
Marketing and communications	558	-	248	39	**845**	544
Consultancy	23,005	1,313	960	2,700	**27,978**	35,184
Governance	13,072	-	-	-	**13,072**	14,073
	84,560	10,806	7,058	11,263	**113,687**	95,338
TOTAL 2021	86,192	8,945	201	-	95,338	

8. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor in respect of:		
Auditors' remuneration - audit	**4,500**	3,750
Auditors' remuneration - other services	**1,500**	1,250

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2021: £Nil).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2021: £Nil).
During the year, no Trustees received reimbursement of expenses (2021: £Nil).

9. STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	**408,841**	368,935
Social security costs	**35,845**	35,698
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**85,441**	78,080
	530,127	482,713

9. STAFF COSTS (CONTINUED)

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

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Senior Management Team	**2**	2
Development officers and administration	**13**	11
	15	13

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	**1**	1

10. TRUSTEES' INDEMNITY INSURANCE

During the year the charity paid £1,176 (2021: £1,073) for Trustee indemnity insurance.

11. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	**297**	17,286
Prepayments and accrued income	**6,810**	6,367
	7,107	23,653

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	**72,788**	23,266
Other taxation and social security	**10,471**	8,804
Pension fund loan payable	**26,499**	7,495
Accruals and deferred income	**21,950**	50,112
	131,708	89,677

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Wesport Core and Operational	181,637	365,312	(253,191)	293,758
Tennis	27,718	113,600	(97,376)	43,942
	209,355	478,912	(350,567)	337,700
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Sport England	119,496	833,721	(881,667)	71,550
NGB Projects	1,473	-	(1,473)	-
Other Grant Funding	128,732	149,457	(134,628)	143,561
Ageing Well Fund	-	594,000	(14,230)	579,770
COMF	-	210,100	(87,000)	123,100
	249,701	1,787,278	(1,118,998)	917,981
TOTAL OF FUNDS	459,056	2,266,190	(1,469,565)	1,255,681

Sport England – this is funding received for programmes including Children & Young People, Workforce, Tackling Inequalities, Opening School Facilities, and Data & Insight.

Other Grant Funding – this is funding received for various projects including support for a sports coaching apprenticeship scheme, Green Social Prescribing grants, Crime Prevention Through Sport grants and the delivery of yoga in parks.

Ageing Well fund – this is grant funding to be used to utilise the momentum created through the Live Longer Better movement to take a system-wide approach to the Ageing Well project.

Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) – this is grant funding to use physical activity and movement as a tool to deliver a targeted intervention with the power to both protect vulnerable sections of the population from the effects of further outbreaks and to assist recovery by improving physical and mental health, advancing individual lives and bringing communities together

13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Wesport Core and Operational	185,029	347,979	(323,653)	209,355
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Sport England	202,113	416,921	(499,538)	119,496
NGB Projects	3,398	-	(1,925)	1,473
Other Grant Funding	57,805	108,900	(37,973)	128,732
	263,316	525,821	(539,436)	249,701
TOTAL OF FUNDS	448,345	873,800	(863,089)	459,056

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	420,727	966,662	**1,387,389**
Creditors due within one year	(83,027)	(48,681)	**(131,708)**
TOTAL	337,700	917,981	**1,255,681**

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	282,249	266,484	548,733
Creditors due within one year	(72,894)	(16,783)	(89,677)
TOTAL	209,355	249,701	459,056

15. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**796,625**	10,711
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Investment income received	**(1,234)**	(1,281)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**16,546**	(21,462)
Increase in creditors	**42,031**	20,292
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**853,968**	8,260

16. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	**1,380,282**	525,080
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**1,380,282**	525,080

17. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	525,080	855,202	1,380,282
Debt due within 1 year	(7,495)	(19,004)	(26,499)
	517,585	836,198	1,353,783

18. PENSION SCHEME DEFICIT

The charity contributed to the Avon Pension Fund administered by Bath and North East Somerset Council on behalf of its employees. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme providing pension and lump sums at retirement based on salary and length of service.

When Wesport became an employer in the Avon Pension Fund, Bath and North East Somerset Council agreed, in respect of staff transferring from themselves to Wesport, to credit Wesport with sufficient assets to make good any deficit relating to past service. Therefore, Wesport started life on a fully funded basis.

On the 30th April 2021, Wesport exited the Avon Pension Fund scheme resulting in a pension surplus of £91,450 being received in the year as detailed in note 5.

19. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2022 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	8,530	8,530

During the year £17,060 has been recognised in expenditure in relation to operating lease payments (2021: £17,060).

20. CHARITY INFORMATION

The West of England Sport Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a charity registered at the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The principal office is The University of the West of England, Frenchay Campus, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol, BS16 1QY.

Accounts

Registered number: 05794916
Charity number: 1114495

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Bishop Fleming

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees	Andrea Jane Arlidge, (Chair), Director (resigned 26 January 2021) Susan Lesley Dors, Director (Chair from 27 January 2021) Louise Elisabeth Buxton, Director (resigned 26 January 2021) Alexandra Cole, Director Anna Clare Hall, Director Paul David Harrod, Director Tabinda Rashid-Fadel, Director (appointed 26 January 2021) Will Brown, Director (appointed 26 January 2021) Guy Buckland, Director (appointed 26 January 2021) Simon Russell, Director (appointed 26 January 2021) Neil Higginson, Director (appointed 26 January 2021)
Company registered number	05794916
Charity registered number	1114495
Registered office	The University of the West of England Frenchay Campus Bristol BS16 1QY
Company secretary	Steve Nelson
Independent auditors	Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants 10 Temple Back Bristol BS1 6FL
Bankers	Santander Avon Street Bristol BS2 0EL

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. 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).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of the charity is to collectively increase, promote, support and celebrate lifelong participation in sport and realising potential for all.

West of England Sport Trust is based at its registered address and uses this site for administrative purposes.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Public Benefit Test

The West of England Sport Trust was set up with the following charitable objectives in the Memorandum of Association (the governing document):

The Charity's objects are to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the West of England and in particular to provide, or to assist in providing, and to promote:

(a) public facilities, amenities, equipment and services for healthy recreation;

(b) facilities and services for recreational, sporting or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities and services;

(c) the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation;

(d) education, training and coaching courses which promote physical health and fitness;

(e) the advancement of such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community consistent with the objects set out in (a) to (d) above as the Trustees of the Charity shall in their absolute discretion determine.

These objectives provide Wesport with sufficient flexibility to undertake a wide range of activity in the West of England. Our public benefit can be summarised as follows:

Public Benefit Statement

Through the network of organisations across the West of England we will deliver a range of opportunities to our communities to undertake sport and physical activity to improve their physical and mental health and well-being and in turn improve their quality of life. Examples include the delivery of sporting opportunities through the school, Higher Education & Further Education networks, wider community voluntary organisations who are able to support in engaging excluded communities and under-represented groups as well as through contact with local authority sports development and community divisions. The Wesport team works to deliver and coordinate this activity and to attract additional resources to enhance and sustain this delivery.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

b. STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Main objectives for the finanical year 2020/21and the process towards these objectives:

Wesport has continued to deliver against its charitable purpose.

In 2020/21, Wesport has produced a new strategy: Acting with Purpose for our People and Place (2020-25) with a delayed network launch in December 2020, The Strategy sets out the future direction and how Wesport will work collaboratively to make sure that moving through sport and physical activity is for everyone.

2025 Vision: Inspire Active Lives, creating the conditions wherever possible to help everyone move more.

Wesport Strategic Themes for 2020 - 2025:
- Influencing the local ecosystem
- Focusing on information and measure
- Wesport Delivery

c. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

To achieve this vision, the Wesport Mission has set out to:

Establishing the conditions for long–term change, enabling more people to be physically active, inclusive for all.

Wesport has adopted new values that are used to guide our work and our decisions:
- We are a team of people with a passion for sport and physical activity, which is at the heart of all we do.
- Collaboration is key; we know when to take the lead and understand when someone else is better placed to do so.
- We are proud to work for Wesport and we place value in the work we do. We are always seeking new ways to make a difference.
- Teamwork is vitally important – we support one another to get the job done, with honesty and commitment.
- We are people-centred; aiming to improve local communities by working with them.

Underpinning and driving this mission are a number of Strategic Enablers, which will ensure that the structures, capacity and direction to achieve the vision.

- A Marketing and Communications Plan
- Sound Financial Planning and targets setting to grow the business objectives.
- A strong staff team and structure in place, with the skills and support needed for success
- Robust governance, performance measurement, evaluation and data capture systems

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

d. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

Highlights for the Strategic Period April 2020 - March 2021:

Against the backdrop of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the associated restrictions Wesport has continued to engage with the network through virtual catch ups and a regular bulletin. Anticipated delivery has been greatly reduced, adapted or put on hold and in many situations cancelled. Priority has been placed on maintaining ongoing communication with the network of partners and the wider West of England audience. There has never been a more important / relevant period of time to advocate for the benefits of physical activity and moving more. Programme design has been adapted to reflect on the immediate and ongoing needs of the audiences to maintain an ability to be physically active during the pandemic.

Headlines summarising Wesport's activity include:

- *School Games* - All face to face events were cancelled and, in their place, virtual challenges were introduced. For the Summer event a five-week programme of challenges received entries from over 4506 participants representing 100 schools. For the Winter event 3962 participants from 91 schools registered to take part in 5 challenges. Throughout this year progress has been made to refresh the opportunities being provided to ensure that inclusive opportunities and activities for inactive young people will be the focus for the 2021-22 academic year.
- *Daily Mile* -The Daily Mile Project has been one of the programmes considerably impacted upon by Covid - 19. Promotion had to be put on hold as young people were schooled at home via online classes. At the start of the Autumn term 2020 with young people returning to school the project was promoted and though a few more challenges with lock downs the total number of schools signed up at the end of March equalled 140.
- Satellite Clubs – Engagement with Satellite Club partners from years 6 and 7 continued although delivery was not able to take place. Support was given to the clubs to maintain a connection with their participants. This included as examples advice and information on moving activity online.
- Active Workplaces –The planned programme of competitions was cancelled. However, engagement with Businesses continued with the promotion and delivery of ‘Physical Activity for Good Mental Health’ webinars. A total of 18 webinars were delivered by Wesport staff to over 300 participants. Those businesses from Bristol who signed up were able to access a grant from Travel West to cover the cost of the webinar.
- Bristol Parks Tennis – The Parks Tennis Sites (Canford Park, St George Park, and Eastville Park) were closed at the beginning of the year. Once restrictions were lifted, appropriate measures were put in place by Wesport to enable a reopening. This took place in May 2020. Booking for courts far exceeded any previous periods of time. During May – June 8106 hours of 8820 available hours were booked (92% capacity) At the end of the year household memberships had reached 1783 (2751 individual members). Plans for a coaching programme needed to be cancelled as capacity and restrictions proved too difficult. Bristol Parks Tennis were winners of the Avon Lawn Tennis Association award for Communities and Parks Tennis, also winning the Regional LTA event, and nominated for the national LTA award.
- Tackling Inequalities Fund – Wesport received new funding from Sport England. The aim of the fund was to have an immediate impact on reducing the widening gap of inequality in relation to sport and physical activity that had been created by the pandemic primarily in four target audiences: - Lower Socio-Economic Groups, Black and Other Ethnically Diverse Communities, Long Term Health Conditions and Disabilities. Wesport received two phases of funding. In phase 1 68 EOI’s were received which resulted in 34 projects being funded. In phase 2 a targeted approach was adopted to meet gaps identified in phase 1. A high percentage of the phase 1 projects were funded again in phase 2 to continue their engagement to meet to ongoing needs. A further 11 new projects were funded to meet the identified gaps in provision.

Wesport’s has utilised its communication channels to maintain engagement with the network. This has been a high priority this year as events have been cancelled and face to face engagement non-existent. There has been a need to maintain an ability to influence and advocate for the importance of sport and physical activity in uncertain times. Wesport’s profile and presence in the sector has been key to achieving this. A regular bulletin

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

has been produced fortnightly and sent to a growing circulation list. Wesport's Twitter account (@WesportAP) reached 3759 followers. The website has received 7677 visits with the Bristol Parks Tennis site having the highest number of visits.

Wesport also supported a number of campaigns through the year, including This Girl Can, Join the movement, Volunteer Week, We are Undefeatable, UK Coaching Week, School Sport Week, Mayathon, The Daily Mile at Home and Mental Health Awareness Week.

Wesport have continued to use data and insight held on the West of England, to influence and inform decision making. This has included data to support an Active Through Football EOI and application and the Tackling Inequalities Fund targeted delivery. The Tackling Inequalities Projects have provided insightful case studies. There has been a focus on the development of Wesport's Learning as part of a wider piece of work around Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning.

Wesport continues to ensure that it is and embedded within, the local delivery landscape of sport and/ physical activity. Wesport empowers people and organisations that have a direct connect with target audiences to impact on participation in sport and physical activity. This has been a priority in the coordination and management of the Tackling Inequalities Fund and the resources given to local projects to deliver sport and physical activity.

All plans this year to deliver the Workforce Plan (Clubs, Coaches, Volunteers and The Professional Workforce) and the Workforce Innovation Plan have been put on hold. This includes the sports club programme of workshops. Communication with this sector has been in the form of information sharing, guidance and support in relation to the changing lockdown restrictions and potential sources of funding. Clubs in South Gloucestershire and Bristol were able to access a Mental Health awareness webinar to look at the role sports clubs can play in supporting an individual's mental health.

Community Organisations – Wesport has maintained its connections with voluntary sector community organisations across the West of England in order to continue to focus on targeting inactive individuals from lower socio- economic groups primarily in under-served areas, in order to deliver the objectives of the Tackling Inequalities Fund. Organisations receiving funding through this fund include: Southmead Development Trust, NOVA Sports Coaching, Gympanzees, West of England Rural Network (WERN), 3SG , Lifecycle, Bridges for Communities, The Vench (Lockleaze), Keynsham Mencap, Refugee Rights, Unseen, Heart of BS13, Sporting Family Change, Bath Community Rugby Foundation and Julian House.

The Royal Foundation Coach Core Apprenticeship Programme – Despite many challenges the Year 2 programme was completed with all 10 apprentices successfully completing the qualification. Recruitment for the Year 3 programme commenced in September 2020 and a cohort of 13 apprentices across x 5 employers were recruited and have started on the programme which is due to end in March 2022.

Wesport continues to provide support to the four Unitary Authorities of the West of England. All unitary authorities have been represented at the regular virtual catch up sessions. There have been specific pieces of work with this network which has included: For Bristol City Council progression of the Bristol Strategy and the Bristol Active City Network. Engagement with public health colleagues has increased.

In South Gloucestershire, Wesport has maintained operational links with council staff, there have been ongoing discussion around facility developments.

In North Somerset the focus on Nailsea has now ended with all agreed objectives being delivered upon. Through discussions with the Director of Public Health the focus has moved to Weston and the development of 'Active Weston' where the Tackling Inequalities Fund projects have been focused.

In Bath and North East Somerset, Engagement has been with the recently appointed Chief Operating Officer. Operational work is progressing around Active Travel. Bath Recreational Trust have commissioned Wesport to produce an Impact report on their work in the local area. The third sector group 3SG have been a consistent partner through which tackling inequalities fund projects have been developed.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Wesport continues to work to influence the objectives and implementation of the West of England Combined Authority and Local Enterprise Partnership, although this has proven a challenge this year. The combined authority did support through staff capacity a joint West of England bid to host teams ahead of Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022.

The West of England Civil Society Partnership CIC, the directors, including Wesport's CEO continue to meet regularly, working collectively to influence heath, community and skills agendas, and to co-produce funding applications.

e. SUMMARY

2020/21 financial year has seen the COVID-19 pandemic continue to impact on the lives of the people of the West of England. The inequalities identified at the beginning of the outbreak have continued to widen. Wesport's planned activity has continued to be impacted upon with an adapted operational plan being put in place. The role of Wesport to advocate for the importance of physical activity has never been as important. Although the situation posed new challenges the Wesport team worked collaboratively to achieve in a challenging environment. The team have remained focused on the Vision and Mission of the organisation, and their contribution to achieving them.

It is impossible to look back on this year without also mentioning the impact the death of George Floyd has had. Wesport's CEO led the national response of the Active Partnership network, building a shared understanding of what it means to be an anti-racist network through training events for the network's CEOs. This led to establishing a clear network commitment at the March 2021 (virtual) Active Partnerships Convention, setting out the journey of the network, and individual Active Partnerships to be truly anti-racist. This is not a 'project' but a shift in thinking and behaviours to achieve long term goals within our network, to influence the wider sport sector and the places the network covers – the whole of England.

Overall, 2020/21 was a year with many new opportunities explored and improved networks established. Wesport's role in the West of England voluntary sector landscape has been strengthened both at a strategic and operational level. Where we have built transactional relationships through funding, the focus has been on long term transformational change and capacity building.

Trustees view performance this year as a credit to all concerned. The Wesport Team have been proactive and committed in maintaining and achieving positive outcomes for the organisation, in very challenging circumstances whilst Covid restrictions have been in place.

This has been the first year of delivery of a new strategy where strong foundations are being established.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. RESULT FOR THE YEAR

The accounts on pages 16 to 33 set out the details of the statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the balance sheet as at that date.

There were net incoming resources for the year of £10,711.

This financial year, the Wesport Board made the formal decision to exit the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), through which a number of longstanding staff received their pension. The scheme has been closed to new Wesport staff since 2013, with an alternate pension offered. Trustees have agreed that all staff should be offered the same pension arrangements. Following consultation with affected staff, as of end March 2021, Wesport were in final negotiations to complete the exit from the LGPS, with 1st May 2021 as the target date. Alongside this, alternate pensions arrangements have been offered to all staff with Wesport's current pension provider.

b. 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

c. RESERVES POLICY

The reserves of the charity should be of a sufficient level to ensure that its recurring commitments and planned revenue expenditure can be met out of income. The trustees will aim to maintain a minimum of £100k in reserves to cover working capital requirements and to allow for wind up costs should that occur.

At 31 March 2021 the charity held total reserves of £459,056 represented by restricted reserves of £249,701 and unrestricted reserves of £209,355.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

West of England Sport Trust is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed.

The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity number 1114495.

The principal object of the company is to promote community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the West of England and in particular to provide, or to assist in providing, and to promote:-

1. public facilities, amenities, equipment and services for healthy recreation;
2. facilities and services for recreational, sporting or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities and services;
3. the improvement and preservation of good health and well-being through participation in healthy recreation;
4. education, training and coaching courses which promote physical health and fitness;
5. the advancement of such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community consistent with the objects set out in 3 (a) to (d) above as the Trustees of the Charity shall in their absolute discretion determine.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed. In July 2020 Wesport contracted Moon Consulting to manage a recruitment and interview process through which five new Trustees were appointed and following an induction process joined the Board for the January 2021 Board meeting.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Once Trustees are appointed, each goes through a comprehensive induction process, including receiving a copy of the Wesport Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association, recent board papers, minutes and dates of next meetings, a copy of the latest Wesport Strategy and most recent audited accounts.

Trustees receive an induction pack with the documents highlighted above, and including further policy documents – Delegations Policy, Financial Procedures & Policy, Risk Management Plan & Risk Register Policy, Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy, Wesport Trustee Handbook.

Trustees are provided with information about Wesport – Current Trustees / Patrons, Staff Structure & Governance, Chief Executive Officer's job description, Operations Plan for the current financial year and contact details for the CEO and senior team.

Finally, Trustees are provided with information about their role – Trustee Role Description & Person Specification, Good Trustee Practice Information (Charity Commission), Trustee Declaration of Interests, Governance Documents to Sign & Return, Trustee Skills Matrix.

In addition, Trustee training opportunities are provided through national and local organisations, through direct engagement with the staff team and at events to understand the business of Wesport and the environment the organisation operates within.

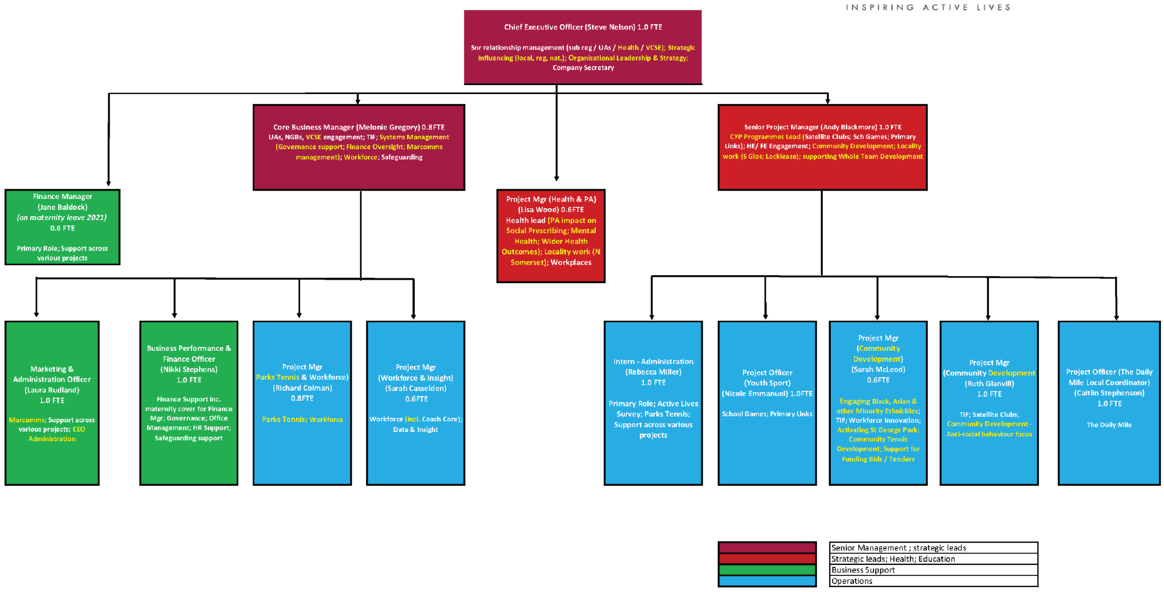
d. PAY POLICY FOR SENIOR STAFF

Wesport has a pay and remunerations policy approved by the board and adhered to on an annual basis. Senior staff pay is a part of this, with specific roles identified at an agreed band of remuneration.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

e. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

Wesport Staff Structure Tree - at 31st March 2021



Wesport has a Trust Board Legal and Regulatory responsibilities policy, setting out the Board's approach to ensuring full compliance with all legal requirements, including finance, planning and management, internal controls and risk management. Wesport also has a delegations policy, agreed by the board of Trustees, which sets out clear delegated responsibility for CEO and senior staff on decision making. On a day to day basis, clear policies and procedures are in place to maintain good governance and appropriate lines of communication regarding decision making.

f. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The launch of the new strategy was delayed, but this was relevant in terms of the national picture and the impact of the pandemic. Over the coming year the team will continue to embed the vision, mission and themes of the strategy. The continuing Covid–19 situation will impact on the nature of delivery being planned, with flexibility and an ability to respond to changing circumstances being key. There will be a strong focus on tackling inequalities in our communities that have widened further during the pandemic.
The team will focus on actions to fulfil the commitment to tackling racism and racial inequality alongside the network of Active Partnerships across England.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN

Through the connections and work Wesport does with often, small voluntary sector organisations, on their behalf, Wesport holds a few small funding pots to enable the achievement of local objectives for that sport or organisation. The outcomes worked towards often will straddle financial years, so funding to aid the achievement of these local objectives is held

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity 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 charity'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 charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 13 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Susan Dors
Chair of Trust Board

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of West of England Sport Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST (CONTINUED)

OTHER INFORMATION

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

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

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors 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 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

- We have considered the nature of the sector, control environment and financial performance;
- We have considered the results of enquiries with management and trustees in relation to their own identification and assessment of the risk of irregularities within the entity; and
- We have reviewed the documentation of key processes and controls and performed walkthroughs of transactions to confirm that the systems are operating in line with documentation.

As a result of these procedures, we have considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the highest area of risk to be in relation to revenue recognition, with a particular risk in relation to year-end cut off. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK) we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We have also obtained understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Charities Act 2011, Charity SORP 2019, FRS 102 and the terms and conditions attaching to material grants received by the Charity. In addition, we considered the provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Charity’s ability to operate or avoid a material penalty. These included data protection regulations, health and safety regulations and employment legislation.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reviewing board meeting minutes;
- Enquiring of management in relation to actual and potential claims or litigations;
- Performing detailed transactional testing in relation to the recognition of revenue, specifically grants, with a particular focus around year-end cut off; and
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgments made in accounting estimates are indicative of potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated identified laws and regulation and potential fraud risk to all trustees of the engagement team and remained alert to possible indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

As a result of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that not all irregularities, including a material misstatement in financial statements or non-compliance with regulation, will be detected by us. The risk increases the further removed compliance with a law and regulation is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, given we will be less likely to be aware of it, or should the irregularity occur as a result of fraud rather than a one-off error, as this may involve intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

USE OF OUR REPORT

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

Joe Scaife

Joseph Scaife FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Bishop Fleming LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
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Bristol
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27 July 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	**267,917**	**525,821**	**793,738**	833,568
Charitable activities	3	**78,781**	**-**	**78,781**	70,361
Investments	4	**1,281**	**-**	**1,281**	3,012
TOTAL INCOME		**347,979**	**525,821**	**873,800**	906,941
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	5	**323,653**	**539,436**	**863,089**	690,946
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**323,653**	**539,436**	**863,089**	690,946
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**24,326**	**(13,615)**	**10,711**	215,995
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		**185,029**	**263,316**	**448,345**	232,350
Net movement in funds		**24,326**	**(13,615)**	**10,711**	215,995
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**209,355**	**249,701**	**459,056**	448,345

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

The notes on pages 19 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

WEST OF ENGLAND SPORT TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
REGISTERED NUMBER:05794916

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note		2021 £		2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	**23,653**		2,191	
Cash at bank and in hand		**525,080**		515,539	
		548,733		517,730	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	**(89,677)**		(69,385)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**459,056**		448,345
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**459,056**		448,345
TOTAL NET ASSETS			**459,056**		448,345
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	12		**249,701**		263,316
Unrestricted funds	12		**209,355**		185,029
TOTAL FUNDS			**459,056**		448,345

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 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 13 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Susan Dors
Chair of Trust Board

The notes on pages 19 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net cash used in operating activities	**8,260**	110,655
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investment income received	**1,281**	3,012
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	**1,281**	**3,012**
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	**-**	**-**
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR	**9,541**	**113,667**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**515,539**	401,872
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	**525,080**	515,539

The notes on pages 19 to 33 form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 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.

West of England Sport Trust 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.

1.2 COMPANY STATUS

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 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 company 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 company 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

1.4 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Trustees continue to monitor the impact that Covid-19 is having on operations and are taking actions to minimise their effect on the long-term reserves of the charity. Under all the scenarios reviewed, the charity has sufficient reserves to enable it to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.5 INCOME

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 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 shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

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.

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	- 33% straight line
IT equipment	- 100% straight line due to low value purchases and rapid reduction in value

The charity holds fixed assets that cost £9,455 (2020: £9,455) and are carried in the accounts at nil net book value

1.8 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

1.9 DEBTORS

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

1.10 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.12 PENSIONS

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

The company also operates a defined benefits pension scheme for the local government staff which is operated by Bath and North East Somerset Council. The benefits of the scheme are governed by the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997, as amended, and the employer's contributions are set by the Fund Actuary every three years.

1.13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Financial instruments includes cash at bank, trade debtors, accrued income from financial instruments (comprising dividends and interest due from investments), trade creditors and accrued expenditure.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	**Restricted funds 2021 £**	**Total funds 2021 £**
Donations	-	-	**-**
Grants	264,217	525,821	**790,038**
Similar incoming resources	3,700	-	**3,700**
	267,917	525,821	**793,738**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	10	-	10
Grants	257,417	487,741	745,158
Similar incoming resources	88,400	-	88,400
	345,827	487,741	833,568

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	**Total funds 2021 £**
Core and operational services	78,781	**78,781**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Core and operational services	70,361	70,361

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	**Total funds 2021 £**
Interest on deposit accounts	1,281	**1,281**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Interest on deposit accounts	3,012	3,012

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Core and operational services	323,653	-	**323,653**
Sport England	-	499,538	**499,538**
NGB projects	-	1,925	**1,925**
Grant funding	-	37,973	**37,973**
	323,653	539,436	**863,089**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Core and operational services	299,715	-	299,715
Sport England	-	331,160	331,160
NGB projects	-	2,858	2,858
Grant funding	-	57,213	57,213
	299,715	391,231	690,946

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Core and operational services	237,461	86,192	**323,653**
Sport England	277,226	222,312	**499,538**
NGB projects	1,375	550	**1,925**
Grant funding	11,496	26,477	**37,973**
	527,558	335,531	**863,089**

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

	Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Core and operational services	252,825	46,890	299,715
Sport England	274,208	56,952	331,160
NGB projects	1,250	1,608	2,858
Grant funding	12,580	44,633	57,213
	540,863	150,083	690,946

Analysis of direct costs

	Core and operational services 2021 £	**Sport England 2021 £**	**NGB projects 2021 £**	**Grant funding 2021 £**	**Total funds 2021 £**
Staff costs	212,170	256,463	-	14,080	**482,713**
Delivery costs	25,291	20,763	1,375	(2,584)	**44,845**
	237,461	277,226	1,375	11,496	**527,558**

	Core and operational services 2020 £	Sport England 2020 £	NGB projects 2020 £	Grant funding 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	231,988	211,975	1,250	7,677	452,890
Delivery costs	20,837	62,233	-	4,903	87,973
	252,825	274,208	1,250	12,580	540,863

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Analysis of support costs

	Core and operational services 2021 £	**Sport England 2021 £**	**NGB projects 2021 £**	**Grant funding 2021 £**	**Total funds 2021 £**
General mangement (inc. office and staff expenses)	36,391	8,945	-	201	**45,537**
Marketing and communications	544	-	-	-	**544**
Grants for delivery	-	213,367	550	26,276	**240,193**
Consultancy	35,184	-	-	-	**35,184**
Governance	14,073	-	-	-	**14,073**
	86,192	222,312	550	26,477	**335,531**

	Core and operational services 2020 £	Sport England 2020 £	NGB projects 2020 £	Grant funding 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
General management (inc. office and staff expenses)	40,495	8,349	108	3,203	52,155
Marketing and communications	175	4,246	-	-	4,421
Grants for delivery	-	44,357	1,500	41,430	87,287
Governance	6,220	-	-	-	6,220
	46,890	56,952	1,608	44,633	150,083

7. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor in respect of:		
Auditors' remuneration - audit	**3,750**	3,400
Auditors' remuneration - other services	**1,250**	1,250

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2020: £Nil).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2020: £Nil).
During the year, no Trustees received reimbursement of expenses (2020: £272 to 2 Trustees).

8. STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	**368,935**	355,366
Social security costs	**35,698**	33,282
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**78,080**	64,242
	482,713	452,890

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

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Senior Management Team	**2**	2
Development officers and administration	**11**	12
	13	14

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	**1**	1

9. TRUSTEES' INDEMNITY INSURANCE

During the year the charity paid £1,073 (2020: £1,363) for Trustee indemnity insurance.

10. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	**17,286**	913
Prepayments and accrued income	**6,367**	1,278
	23,653	2,191

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	**23,266**	10,536
Other taxation and social security	**8,804**	8,541
Pension fund loan payable	**7,495**	8,553
Accruals and deferred income	**50,112**	41,755
	89,677	69,385

Included in accruals and deferred income is deferred income of £Nil (2020: £26,147) in relation to grants received in advance.

12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Wesport Core and Operational	**185,029**	**347,979**	**(323,653)**	**209,355**
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Sport England	**202,113**	**416,921**	**(499,538)**	**119,496**
NGB Projects	**3,398**	**-**	**(1,925)**	**1,473**
Grant Funding	**57,805**	**108,900**	**(37,973)**	**128,732**
	263,316	**525,821**	**(539,436)**	**249,701**
TOTAL OF FUNDS	**448,345**	**873,800**	**(863,089)**	**459,056**

12. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Wesport Core and Operational	65,544	419,200	(299,715)	185,029
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Sport England	116,430	416,843	(331,160)	202,113
NGB Projects	6,256	-	(2,858)	3,398
Grant Funding	44,120	70,898	(57,213)	57,805
	166,806	487,741	(391,231)	263,316
TOTAL OF FUNDS	232,350	906,941	(690,946)	448,345

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	**Restricted funds 2021 £**	**Total funds 2021 £**
Current assets	282,249	266,484	**548,733**
Creditors due within one year	(72,894)	(16,783)	**(89,677)**
TOTAL	209,355	249,701	**459,056**

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Current assets	242,694	275,036	517,730
Creditors due within one year	(57,665)	(11,720)	(69,385)
TOTAL	185,029	263,316	448,345

14. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**10,711**	215,995
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Investment income received	**(1,281)**	(3,012)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**(21,462)**	6,761
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	**20,292**	1,311
Decrease in pension scheme liability	**-**	(110,400)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**8,260**	110,655

15. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	**525,080**	515,539
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**525,080**	515,539

16. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 April 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**515,539**	**9,541**	**525,080**
Debt due within 1 year	**(8,553)**	**1,058**	**(7,495)**
	506,986	**10,599**	**517,585**

17. PENSION SCHEME DEFICIT

The charity contributes to the Avon Pension Fund administered by Bath and North East Somerset Council on behalf of its employees. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme providing pension and lump sums at retirement based on salary and length of service.

When Wesport became an employer in the Avon Pension Fund, Bath and North East Somerset Council agreed, in respect of staff transferring from themselves to Wesport, to credit Wesport with sufficient assets to make good any deficit relating to past service. Therefore, Wesport started life on a fully funded basis.

An actuarial valuation took place as at 31 March 2019 which showed a surplus on the scheme of £25,610. Wesport's contibutions to the scheme stopped in March 2020 and therefore the liability has been cleared to zero at 31 March 2021 (2020: £Nil). Post year-end on 30th April 2021, Wesport exited the Avon Pension Fund scheme. A further interim valuation indicates a potential surplus of £117,800, subject to a final valuation.

18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2021 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Not later than 1 year	**8,530**	8,530

During the year £17,060 has been recognised in expenditure in relation to operating lease payments (2020: £17,060).

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the prior year Wesport made purchases of £2,025 from Access Sport, an organisation with Trustees in common.

20. CHARITY INFORMATION

The West of England Sport Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a charity registered at the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The principal office is The University of the West of England, Frenchay Campus, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol, BS16 1QY.