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Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024  
for  
Rotherham United Community Trust

**Rotherham United Community Trust**

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**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

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## **Rotherham United Community Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Company number**

06451012 (England and Wales)

##### **Registered Charity number**

1123692

##### **Registered office**

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## Rotherham United Community Trust

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### **Solicitors**

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#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Policies and objectives**

The Charity's objectives (the Objects) are for the benefit of the public generally and in particular, the inhabitants of South Yorkshire and surrounding areas:-

- To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health
- To provide and assist in providing facilities for sport, recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life; and
- To advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees think fit in accordance with the law of the charity.

The charity has the broad aim of providing increased opportunities for children and young people to engage in qualified football coaching and other sporting activities.

##### **Strategies for achieving objectives**

The strategies employed to achieve the charity's objectives are to:

- Provide opportunities to children and young people of all abilities to engage in football/sporting activities;
- Provide a broad range of activities and venues within Rotherham and surrounding areas to increase opportunities for children and young people to benefit from qualified football coaching and sporting activities;
- Establish effective lines of communication with local school and, where applicable, Governing Bodies of Schools;
- Establish working relationships with, where applicable, FA, PFA, Football League, Premier League, Children Services and relevant partners;
- Deliver a quality and professional service provided by FA qualified coaches;
- Liaise with the local PDM's relating to the development and delivery of the sessions;
- Establish a comprehensive and effective marketing strategy to promote and highlight the charity's services within schools around Rotherham.

The Trust is reliant not only on paid staff but volunteers from within the many communities it works. Many of the volunteers start as participants and then progress to help organise the activities. Over the course of the pandemic, RUCST worked in partnership with VAR and RMBC to support the management and deployment of volunteers to support those isolating or in crisis. The volunteers were not just recruited from activities but from the fans of RUFC who wanted to give something back at a challenging time. Some volunteers are also recruited via our Education and NCS programme as a big part of our values is going above and beyond. The students value the work we do and find it a good opportunity to gain additional skills alongside their studying with the Rotherham United Sports College.

## **Rotherham United Community Trust**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **Overview**

This report provides an overview of the incredible impact and reach of Rotherham United Community Trust during the 2023/24 year. Before you read on it would be remiss of me not to mention that none of this would have been possible without the continued dedication of our amazing team, the guidance and expertise of our board of trustees, and the invaluable support of our partners and funders.

Our mission, indeed our promise to you, is that we will use our passion for helping others and the influence of the Rotherham United Football Club brand to help individuals recognise and achieve their goals, to create pathways, to inspire future generations and ensure that we have a lasting impact in all of our communities.

We will do this by caring for all Rotherham residents, by listening to and understanding individuals and their communities, by being inclusive and having respect, by developing our staff to ensure our standards and professionalism are the best they can be and, most of all, by ensuring that what we deliver is engaging, fun and relevant.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making a positive difference in our town. Together, we continue to build a stronger, more united Rotherham.

##### **Children's Capital of Culture**

In 2025, Rotherham will become the world's first Children's Capital of Culture designed and delivered by children and young people from our borough. With children, young people, and families at its heart, the Children's Capital of Culture field is an exciting and interactive space jam-packed with things to do. With hands on creative activities, brilliant performances by children and young people from across the borough. The CCOC funds 2 part time staff members whose purpose is to plan, deliver and evaluate Rotherham United Community Trusts project.

##### **NCS Year of Service**

In May 2024, the trust partnered with EFL in the Community and NCS Trust to offer x4 roles for 18-24-year-old from the borough to further enhance their working credentials. The programme, totalling 39 weeks gave the 4 staff members vital skills within our sector providing experience trust wide in departments such as; School and Sports, Health and Wellbeing, Youth and Inclusion and Football Development. The programme came to an end in February 2025, all 4 staff members are retained internally progressing onto permanent contracts.

##### **Smart Energy**

The Smart Energy GB partnership reaches football fans via EFL Final matches with mass advertising, through local club activations and community engagement with the EFL Trust to highlight the budgeting and energy management benefits of smart meters. Smart Energy GB are in their fourth year working in partnership with the EFL to help football fans understand how a smart meter can help them take control of their energy bills.

## Rotherham United Community Trust

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#### **Premier League Primary Stars**

Rotherham United Community Trust (RUCT) delivered a wide range of activities and provisions aimed at engaging young people throughout the community. The primary focus centred around using the positive power of professional football clubs to inspire children to be active, look after their wellbeing and develop important life skills.

Throughout the year, the team had to achieve the following KPIs set by PLCF.

Key performance indicator	Annual minimum target output	Annual stretch target output	Actual annual output
PE support	12	12	12
Target Interventions	12	14	33
Girls only Extra Curricular football sessions	3	3	4
Social Action projects	2	2	2
Anti-Discrimination Workshops	3	5	7
Education Activations	10	12	35
Competitions	3	4	6

#### **EFL in the Community Move and Learn, Joy of Moving**

Ferrero UK's corporate social responsibility project, the Joy of moving programme, which has been developed and delivered through a partnership with EFL Trust for over seven years, is based on methodology which is designed to inspire children to move through play and captures the fun approach, which we know is key. The methodology was established by independent experts, including Foro Italico (Rome University) and the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) and focuses on developing key skills in four major areas:

- Physical fitness
- Motor coordination
- Cognitive functions & creativity
- Life skills

The Joy of moving programme is delivered within schools across Rotherham and consists of two elements; the Move & Learn project and Joy of moving Festivals. We have delivered in a minimum of 27 schools working with over 1620 children.

#### **Schools Packages**

During the 2024/24 academic year the Participation team has worked with 80% of the primary schools across Rotherham delivering physical education, Premier League Primary Stars interventions, EFL Joy of Moving sessions and more. 15 of these schools are RUCT partnership schools; through this partnership they have received match tickets, signed merchandise and inflatable fundraising festivals, all which support schools to raise vital funds to expand their sport and physical activity offer.

#### **Match-days**

Across the Football season, the trust worked in partnership with Rotherham United F.C ensuring we had a presence at every home fixture throughout the season totalling 26 occurrences. Every match-day is packed full of events, activities and partner collaborations such as Flag Bearing, Half time cup competitions, match-day themes to name a few.

#### **Study Programme**

##### **16 to 19-Year-Old Study Programme (NCFE Level 2 / BTEC Level 3)**

The 2023/24 academic year concluded in June, with the Sports College achieving over 95% retention and achievement. The year was ended with an Awards Evening at the New York Stadium, where we celebrated the success of our students both in relation to their education and footballing achievements.

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Last year we introduced an alternative Level 3 course alongside the existing 'Sports Coaching & Development' pathway. The new Level 3 in 'Sport, Fitness & Personal Training' provides learners with more study options, and is more suited to those wanting to pursue careers in physiotherapy and sports science. To further enhance the experience for learners on this course, we are delighted to have been working in partnership with Places Leisure and the English Institute of Sport to allow students to use their first-class fitness facilities. Over the last 12 months we have also welcomed various guest speakers, including first team players, Academy staff, the Royal Marines, Howard Webb, Les Payne and Chris Dolby, all alongside our standard study timetable.

Recruitment for 2024/25 has been remarkably successful, with over 120 students enrolling onto our various Study Programmes. This is an increase from the previous academic year and is testament to the hard work of the team in creating an inspiring environment and trusted reputation across the town. Enrolment was carried out over 2 days at the New York Stadium.

#### **Academy Delivery**

The 2021-24 Academy cohorts completed their BTEC and apprenticeship qualifications in April, with many achieving their target grades.

Both 1st and 2nd year scholars completed a comprehensive induction programme delivered throughout the summer. This was delivered by all members of the multi-disciplinary team including coaching, sports science, player care and safeguarding staff. Induction topics included Equality & Diversity, Personal Development and Identity.

Over the next quarter both groups will be undertaking their UEFA C Coaching and Level 1 Refereeing qualifications. This will allow them to enhance their CV and support their career progression opportunities.

#### **Foundation Degree (in partnership with University of South Wales)**

The 2023/24 academic year saw 18 students studying across our Foundation Degree Programmes (Football Coaching & Development, Sports Coaching & Development and Top-Up), complete their qualifications. This was a mix of former BTEC students who had progressed internally and external students who joined us from local sixth forms. We always aim to nurture students to become our next cohort of coaches; this has proven successful to date, with many current and former students now employed by the Trust.

#### **Alternative Provision**

Our Alternative Provision has continued to grow throughout the 2024/25 academic year, and we are now working with over 10 schools delivering various interventions.

Since the start of the new academic year, we have been working with over 20 students from 6 different schools across our AP programmes. This increase in engagement is the result of the successful reputation we have built since schools returned following the COVID-19 pandemic. Feedback received from schools has been outstanding, and the staff involved continue to have a profound impact on the young people they work with.

#### **Multiply**

Working in Partnership with Rotherham Council, the trust are delivering the Multiply programme. The programme is for Rotherham residents aged 19+ who have not achieved a maths GCSE of at least a Grade C or equivalent. The Multiply programme includes a range of free courses and support, such as:

- Workshops
- In-person classes
- Family Learning
- In work development
- Digital resources

## Rotherham United Community Trust

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#### **Employability**

Rotherham United Community Trust are proud to be the only professional football club to host a DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) Youth Hub and have supported over 200 young people into employment since its launch. We have also successfully delivered over 500 action plans that have enabled young people aged 16-24 to create a clear career plan, giving them motivation to move closer to or into employment. As of November 2024, we have entered into our 5th year of delivery and expanded our team by adding a second Employability and Skills Officer.

#### **MAN v FAT**

Our MAN v FAT programme continues to run successfully, with around 80 men attending Parkgate Astro every Friday night to socialise, play football and weigh in. As of February 2025, we are currently in our twentieth season, with every intention to maintain and grow the league going forward.

#### **Social Prescribing**

Our Social Prescribing Service has gone from strength to strength in the past 12 months. We continue to provide person-centred support to all individuals referred to us, offering them a friendly listening ear and safe, welcoming activities. We understand that each person is different, and therefore the support that we offer is dependent on the individual. Over the past year, we have worked consistently with around 40 different referrals at any one time, with staff dedicating 6-8 hours per week to providing 1:1 support either over the phone or in person.

#### **VAR youth Work Pilot**

Working in partnership with Children, Young People and Families Consortium the trust supporting the delivery of the "Youth Work Pilot". The Youth Worker Pilot is a new project currently being delivered by the Children, Young People and Families Consortium which embeds a Youth Worker Service within the Rotherham Hospital Children's Ward.

A dedicated Youth Worker Team will be working both within Rotherham Hospital and out in the community, working alongside children, young people and their families to support them to navigate health services and transition seamlessly into adult-led care and access further support in community settings.

The project aims to support children and young people aged 11 to 19 with new and existing long-term conditions (asthma, epilepsy, diabetes) and complex health care needs. The service may be extended beyond the 19th birthday for young people who have an Education and Health Care Plan (on a case-by-case basis).

#### **Mental Health**

Our mental health provision is more in need than ever as a result of the pandemic and cost of living crisis. Over the past year we have provided an average of 6 sessions per week specifically tailored towards improving mental health, from coffee mornings and walking groups to badminton and inclusion football.

#### **Shine Health Academy**

After the successful delivery of the project in 2023, we are proud to continue the vital service in partnership with Shine Health Academy for a second year. Shine is a 12-week, tier 3 weight management programme for young people, which works closely with and receives referrals from NHS England Complications from Excess Weight (CEW) Clinics. Having previously worked with the 0-19 service on their WHAM (Weight, Health and Attitude Management) project, we identified children's weight management as a gap in our provision and were eager to move back into this area.

Due to the success of this first cohort, we have now secured a 10-year license to use the Shine content and materials independently. This exciting opportunity will allow us to create our own weight management programme for young people using evidence-based resources, which can be delivered both in schools and as an extracurricular project in community settings.



## Rotherham United Community Trust

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#### **Premier League Kicks**

Rotherham United Community Trust (RUCT) delivered a wide range of activities and provisions aimed at engaging young people throughout the community. The primary focus centred around providing accessible outdoor and indoor sports, youth clubs, and youth voice initiatives within a 1-5-mile radius of participants' homes. Key efforts included organising four external and two internal tournaments in collaboration with clubs such as Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United, Middlesbrough and Doncaster Rovers. A particular highlight of the year was taking a group of SEND young people that attend our PL Kicks sessions to Middlesbrough for the Premier League Disability Football Festival, where their determination and talent lead them to win the event and brought the trophy back to Rotherham. This achievement had a huge impact on the young people involved, boosting their confidence and showing them what they can achieve when they work together as a team. Winning the festival not only brought them closer together and celebrated their work but doing so in a safe and inclusive environment made the experience even more rewarding, hopefully inspiring them to stay active and continue participating in sports with enthusiasm and pride.

Our educational outreach involved workshops aligned with national campaigns such as Hate Crime Awareness Week, Black History Month, and Rainbow Laces. By being active supporters of these campaigns, it heightens young people's awareness of critical social issues, fostering empathy and a deeper understanding of diversity and inclusion. Participating in these campaigns attempts to empower young people to become advocates for positive change in their communities, promoting acceptance and respect for everyone in Rotherham and beyond. 'Beyond' in this reporting year extended all the way to Ghana where, after a year of hard work, young people got the chance to make a difference on a global scale with a 10-day humanitarian aid visit to Ghana.

The success of this year's delivery has widely come down to the partners we work with and the collaborations we have within our local community, the voluntary sector, councillors,

#### **VR Fund PCC**

Through sport and art, the PCC Celebrating diversity project raised awareness of hate crime by capturing the lived experiences of people who have been victims of hate crime, with a focus on Islamophobia. We increased awareness of hate crime and how to report it by collaborating with communities affected by hate crime. There is still underreporting of hate crime, and projects like this inform the public and encourage civic responsibility so people become upstanders to report incidents. Putting hate crime back on the agenda.

#### **Harms for Hate**

We have received funding from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) to deliver a Harms of Hate education day.

The event aims to educate local young people around the issues of hate speech, radicalisation, and knife crime, whilst combating discrimination as well as bullying within our communities and schools.

#### **Safer Street 5 / Safer Rotherham Partnership**

The funding has been used to create an array of diverse opportunities for young people to engage with Rotherham United Staff in the heart of their communities.

In 5 diverse community areas such as community centres, sports parks, MUGA's and community venues. The project has engaged 123 individuals from the ages of 8-17. Alongside this delivery, we continue to openly discuss youth opportunities, local ASB and community tension with participants. We do this through open discussions, 1 to 1's and questionnaires.

A lot of the communities we have been able to work in through this funding don't have much access to safe spaces to hang out with friends, be involved in physical activity or build aspirations. Most of this is down to the barriers facing young people on a day-to-day basis, some of which are financial, social, wellbeing or even territorial. These barriers have been identified to us during recent consultations with young people through this project and others.

Safer Streets funding has not only provided individuals with a wide range of community interventions, but it has also created a bridge between young people within their communities and Rotherham United. A bridge we hope to continue building after the project comes to an end.

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We aim to do this through externally funding projects such as Premier League Kicks, Premier League Fans Fund, Smiles for Miles and our Universal Youth Work provision.

#### **Smiles for Miles (VAR)**

Following the success of the 2021-2023 Smiles for Miles Base Project, we are delighted to have been awarded the Smiles for Miles 2.0 project which continues our offering of open access youth groups, positive activities and specialist support for Children and Young People in Rotherham for an additional three-year period from April 2024 to March 2027.

The project is all about co-production and supporting young people to reach their goals (as defined by them) and lead the direction of the project based on what they say they need or would like to "have a go at".

Our project priorities are around early intervention, improving spaces and places that matter to communities, bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities. We want to provide young people with the right activities and support, in the right place, at the right time.

#### **Disability & SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)**

Our long-lasting relationship with Rotherham Parents Carers Forum (RPCF) proceeds to enhance our engagement with young people experiencing a range of SEND needs, helping us to provide the best support we can to young people and their families.

More recently we have been awarded a small funding grant from Sheffield and Hallamshire FA, through which we have been able to access three powerchairs donated by Middlesbrough PFC.

This will add a new aspect of disability sports to Rotherham (the nearest Powerchair Football provision is currently in Leeds). We are honoured to be able to offer Powerchair Football to the disabled community, with sessions starting in October 2023.

#### **Community Cohesion & Celebration**

The Trust's United 4 Communities programme has been praised for its commitment to not only improving the mental and physical wellbeing of its participants, but also for its dedication to providing a safe space for refugees and asylum seekers who live in Rotherham.

The U4C group is made up of refugees and asylum seekers who live in Rotherham. Alongside playing football, RUCT works with participants to help them improve their mental and physical wellbeing and supports their integration into the local community.

RUCT once more celebrated Ramadan and Eid in 2024 with our Midnight Ramadan Tournament series, held each Friday night throughout Ramadan.

Unique in the region, RUCT welcomed more than 100 players from 12 teams to take part in the tournament, taking place at Rotherham Indoor Football Centre between 11pm-1am. The event offered a free weekly 5-a-side league for participants celebrating the month of Ramadan.

#### **Ghana**

In October 2023, we travelled to Ghana with a group of young people. We aimed to continue the work we began within the schools, the orphanages and local communities.

While in Ghana it was important that the students did not only carry out the community work, we set out to do but also learn about the history the country and the people of Ghana went through to get to where they are now. We spent time visiting various places like, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, Independence Square and the local craft market. We had overnight trips to Cape Coast and Volta.

#### **NCS Residentials**

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2023/24 Saw the return of the NCS programme at the trust, whereby the residential format was reintroduced in partnership with EFL in the Community and Ingeus. We worked with various partners taking 217 young people on a 1 week residential. The residential experiences were designed to give young people a taste for independence by living away from home. They had the opportunities to mix with a new crowd of people and take on exciting challenges together, learning new skills across three key themes: Employability, Life Skills, and Social Action.

#### **NCS Regional Programme**

In September 2023, Rotherham United Community Trust managed the regional project funded directly by NCS Trust, working in partnership with local CCOs; Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme, Sheffield United Community Foundation, Reds in the Community and Club Doncaster Foundation. The 2-year programme will offer a variety of experiences for 2100 young people aged between 15-17 across South Yorkshire. The total contract value is valued in excess of £550,000.00.

#### **Facilities**

As of August 2024, the trust has secured funding from Football Foundation to re-develop Parkgate Astro, work is scheduled to commence in December 2024 with a planned completion date of March 2025. Alongside the part-funded development, the trust will invest in the buildings at Parkgate to ensure they meet the standards of the external development. The site will play a fundamental part in the trust's future, having a state-of-the-art facility allows us to continually deliver and enhance provision.

In addition to the development at Parkgate Astro, The Trustees have agreed to invest unrestricted reserves in our facilities at New York Stadium, ensuring our rooms are fit for purpose as we continually evolve as a charity.

#### **More Than Football (Year 3)**

The More Than Football programme focuses on three target areas in Rotherham; Eastwood, Kimberworth and Maltby. This programme is genuinely needs-led, designed and delivered by the community for the community, and has been co-produced by VCSE infrastructure partners in consultation with service users and their members. The programme targets new audiences and places which are not currently taking part in physical activity and adopts a new model of co-delivery. It is the only initiative which makes an entitlement pledge to all Eastwood, Kimberworth and Maltby residents of offering opportunities to access physical activity within a 10-minute walk from their home.

The More Than Football programme will also support the Moving Rotherham partnership in delivering a transformational behaviour change programme and deliver their aim of 'people in Rotherham being proud to live in and contribute to stronger, thriving communities by engaging with physical activity or sport'.

The plans will be based on engaging key participants through the delivery of recreational and informal football activity, with aims of;

1. Increasing participation in different forms of football.
2. Increasing participation in different physical activity/sport.
3. Providing opportunities for the community to encourage behavioural and mind set change, to encourage leading a healthy, active and social lifestyle.
4. Decreasing loneliness by bringing people together through alternative provisions such as coffee mornings, walking groups, group fitness classes and much more.

## **Rotherham United Community Trust**

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#### **Emerging Talent Centre (Year 2)**

In September 2022, the Trust became one of 53 clubs in England to be given a licence to run an Emerging Talent Programme for girls aged 9 to 14. The programme aims to develop talented girls around Rotherham, with a long-term goal of giving them a chance to represent England at professional level.

After the success of last summer's ETC, trials started again with 400 new participants in attendance (not including those already on the programme). We look forward to working with the 60 girls who are enrolled on the programme for the current season.

#### **Emerging Talent**

The ET is for boys aged 9 to 13, offering them the opportunity to train twice a week and compete against other clubs across the region. We've had 84 boys take part in these weekly sessions, which even saw one child invited to an academy trial with Rotherham United Football Club. The group are incredibly excited for the upcoming season and are eager to find out what fixtures and experiences await.

Our Future Stars Under 7s and Under 8s programme also continued to grow, with 30 children taking part in two weekly sessions. As of now, 7 of the U7 Future Stars group have been invited into RUFC's pre-academy, and two Future Stars U8's.

#### **Holiday Camps**

Our Holiday Camps have continued to go from strength to strength, part at Wickersley, St Bedes and Dinnington F.C. Our camps are fun, educational experiences that encourage children to be active and take part in football. Those in attendance had a special experience this year thanks to the engagement of Rotherham United and Rotherham United Women first team players, who gave up their time to come and say hello, sign autographs and take pictures.

Both RUCT and the Academy have also been instrumental in setting up official partnerships between grassroots clubs and RUFC. Through the partnerships, grassroots clubs receive raffle prizes such as match tickets and signed merchandise, and coaches also have the opportunity to partake in free CPD experiences.

#### **Healthy Holiday Programme**

Between September 2023 and August 2024, our Healthy Holidays Programme continued to establish itself with long term partners, consistent staffing and a fantastic experience. This has ensured that children have returned in high numbers time and time again.

During this period, we have worked with Places Leisure in Aston, Rotherham, Maltby and Wath to offer daily swim sessions, and have also teamed up with Triple Threat Theatre Academy, Trailblazer Cheerleading, Dinnington Boxing Club, Dinnington F.C., Rationale Arts Street Dance, Yogalols and Rotherham Parent Carers Forum. We've also worked with a whole host of small businesses and external deliverers, including Simon from 90 Minute Music, Phil Sheppard, Jowanna Rose, Jade March and Chris Clyburn, to provide creative and practical experiences here at the New York Stadium.

We recruited teachers, teaching assistants and other pastoral workers to supplement our team and in doing so have created employment opportunities for over 30 additional staff. We have hosted over 25 work placement students in addition to this, with 10 of those committing to further voluntary hours at our holiday camps.

## Rotherham United Community Trust

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

As you can see from the statistics below, we have made steady improvements throughout the year;

#### **Winter 2023:**

Places available: 1020

Attendance: 675

#### **Easter 2024:**

Places available: 1160

Attendance: 871

#### **Summer 2024:**

Places available: 3620

Attendance: 2996

## **Structure, governance and management**

### **Constitution**

Rotherham United Community Sports Trust is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 11 December 2007. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The liability of the members is limited to an amount not exceeding £10.

### **Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

When considering appointing new trustees, the Board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed in order to support the charity's work. Trustees are appointed at the AGM by first and second nomination.

### **Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

New trustees are invited and encouraged to attend activity sessions and meet team members to familiarise themselves with the organisation and the context within which it operates. Additionally, trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the organisation having been briefed by the Chief Executive on such issues as:

- The obligations of the trustees under charity and company law.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the organisation including the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- Recent copies of minutes of meetings.
- The business plan and recent financial performance of the organisation.
- Future plans and objectives.

Feedback from new trustees regarding their induction has been very positive.

### **Pay policy for key management personnel**

Key management personnel comprises of the trustees and senior employees. Only the senior employees receive remuneration for their work and their salary is set by the board of trustees. Advice on remuneration is obtained from the Trust's solicitors and annual reviews are undertaken to assess key management performance against remuneration levels.

Jamie Noble is the Head of the Trust taking responsibility for the day to day management. Jamie is supported by the Chair and Finance Director on a weekly basis. Other Trustees support and work closely with the Trust on regular basis. A strong team of long serving managers spanning Finance, Administrations, NCS, Health and Education, report to the Head of the Trust.

## **Rotherham United Community Trust**

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#### **Financial risk management**

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the charity may face
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Particular attention has focused on risk assessment of all activities delivered ensuring the safety and well being of the service user. A key element in the management of the financial risk is the implementation of the reserves policy which is reviewed annually by the board of trustees.

#### **Financial review 2023/24**

2023/24 has resulted in a surplus of £109k compared to a surplus of £16k in the prior year. Income for charitable activities and grants (£1.7m) was higher than the prior period (£1.3m), resulting in the higher surplus for the period. The charity carried forward funds at 31 August 2024 of £1,131,215 of which £122,911 are restricted funds and £1,008,304 are general funds. Of the general funds, £100,000 has been set aside as designated funds.

#### **Reserves policy**

The trustees' policy is to hold free reserves of six months unrestricted expenditure. The reserves are needed in the event of lost funding, unexpected costs or reduced income levels. In order to enable trustees to monitor the reserves, the trustees report prepared by the Chief Executive, submitted to the board of trustees every three months, will include details of the reserve fund. Free reserves including the designated fund at 31 August 2024 were £944,388 which consists of unrestricted funds, less unrestricted tangible fixed assets (£1,008,304 - £63,916).

#### **Plans for future periods**

With the safety and wellbeing of staff and the community being a priority, the charity will continue to develop its range of projects and courses in future period. Following the Government Covid road map the charity will deliver education and support to the community. Facilities at Parkgate Astro and the AESSEAL New York Stadium will continue to be key for delivery. Additional delivery space at the stadium has been let on the ground floor of the existing unit currently being leased by the charity.

#### **Fundraising activities**

The Trust does not actively fundraise however, we will sometimes fundraise for specific projects or items. The money raised then went towards the cost of a new defibrillator which was match funded by the Start a Heart campaign. NCS also fundraise, however that is part of the project to find a worthy local project and work with them. This is done by either raising money for a reason or to do something which will make a difference to their organisation, which could be renovating a room or garden.

The Trust employs a full time Community Projects Manager whose sole purpose is to apply for funding. Her role is to source grants, work with key stakeholders and then formulate a bid. Any money generated is recorded appropriately and then either spent in the spirit or handed over to the third party.

The Trust remains GDPR compliant to ensure all personal information is protected.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Sutton McGrath Hartley, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ...14/04/2025..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Ms K Thomas - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of**  
**Rotherham United Community Trust**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Rotherham United Community Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, 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 (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 August 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 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 UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the 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 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 Report of the Independent Auditors 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 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.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.



**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of**  
**Rotherham United Community Trust**

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the 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 Report of the Trustees.

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

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

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of**  
**Rotherham United Community Trust**

**Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our assessment of the susceptibility to material misstatement, whether by fraud or error, is made in a risk based approach.

In this approach, laws and regulations applicable to the entity, such as the Companies Act 2006, United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 102, Charities SORP, employment law, and Health and Safety law is considered. The policies and controls the entity has in place to comply with these laws are reviewed, by discussion, reviews of correspondence and registrations monitored by external bodies. The engagement team remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Policies and controls relating to the risk of material misstatement as a result of fraud, management override of controls, and revenue recognitions are also considered. These are assessed by obtaining an understanding of the charity's operations and control environment. The policies and controls have been reviewed by discussion, review and sample testing of accounting entries, including journals, challenging assumptions and judgements, reviewing and evaluating related parties transactions, and wider background searches. Testing of income recognition and fund accounting is also completed.

We have ensured that the engagement team have appropriate levels of competence and experience to effectively monitor these risks and carry out work relevant to our assessment of each risk, including consideration of the sector the charity operates in and its size and complexity.

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

**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 the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



James Salim FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Sutton McGrath Hartley  
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South Yorkshire  
S11 8YZ

**15/04/2025**

Date: .....

**Rotherham United Community Trust**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	57,502	-	57,502	5,893
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Charitable activities		-	1,701,030	1,701,030	1,294,174
Other trading activities	3	526,442	-	526,442	475,459
Investment income	4	29,136	-	29,136	11,493
Other income	6	3,673	-	3,673	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>616,753</b>	<b>1,701,030</b>	<b>2,317,783</b>	<b>1,787,019</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7				
Charitable activities		668,796	1,539,680	2,208,476	1,770,737
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(52,043)</b>	<b>161,350</b>	<b>109,307</b>	<b>16,282</b>
Transfers between funds	20	172,882	(172,882)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>120,839</b>	<b>(11,532)</b>	<b>109,307</b>	<b>16,282</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		887,465	134,443	1,021,908	1,005,626
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>1,008,304</b>	<b>122,911</b>	<b>1,131,215</b>	<b>1,021,908</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Rotherham United Community Trust**

**Balance Sheet**  
**31 August 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	13	63,916	91,162
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	275,530	220,456
Cash at bank and in hand		1,157,455	1,040,610
		<u>1,432,985</u>	<u>1,261,066</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(358,552)	(318,687)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>1,074,433</u>	<u>942,379</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,138,349</u>	<u>1,033,541</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(7,134)	(11,633)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,131,215</u>	<u>1,021,908</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	20		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		908,304	807,465
Designated		100,000	80,000
		<u>1,008,304</u>	<u>887,465</u>
Restricted funds		<u>122,911</u>	<u>134,443</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>1,131,215</u>	<u>1,021,908</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15/04/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



K Thomas - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Rotherham United Community Trust**

**Cash Flow Statement**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	22	92,208	141,323
Interest element of hire purchase payments paid		-	499
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>92,208</u>	<u>141,822</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		<u>29,136</u>	<u>11,493</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>29,136</u>	<u>11,493</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Capital repayments in year		<u>(4,499)</u>	<u>(4,999)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(4,499)</u>	<u>(4,999)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>116,845</u>	<u>148,316</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>1,040,610</u>	<u>892,294</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>1,157,455</u></u>	<u><u>1,040,610</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **Rotherham United Community Trust**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements** **for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Short leasehold - Straight line over 7 years

Plant and machinery - 5% on cost

Fixtures and fittings - 10% on cost

Motor vehicles - 20% on cost and Straight line over 3 years

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

The company's policy is to not capitalise any purchases under the value of £1,500.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Grants	<u>57,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,502</u>	<u>5,893</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Events income	<u>526,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>526,442</u>	<u>475,459</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>29,136</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,136</u>	<u>11,493</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2024 Charitable activities	2023 Total activities
	£	£
Sports, inclusion and participation	441,088	537,310
Education programme	997,148	553,496
Health programme	262,794	203,368
	<u>1,701,030</u>	<u>1,294,174</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Other income	<u>3,673</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,673</u>	<u>-</u>

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs (see note 8)
	£
Charitable activities	<u>2,208,476</u>

**8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	1,121,885	1,015,040
Facility costs	714,492	432,614
Motor and travel expenses	86,452	70,837
Direct costs and equipment	107,736	108,480
Post, stationery and advertising	19,027	17,458
Legal and professional fees	43,244	19,656
General property and overhead costs	79,454	71,565
Audit fees	8,940	8,340
Depreciation	27,246	27,246
Interest payable and similar charges	-	(499)
	<u>2,208,476</u>	<u>1,770,737</u>

**9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>27,246</u>	<u>27,245</u>



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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**11. STAFF COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,027,852	920,913
Social security costs	75,027	75,663
Other pension costs	19,006	18,464
	<u>1,121,885</u>	<u>1,015,040</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	60	55
Employees	<u>60</u>	<u>55</u>

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

	2024	2023
	1	1
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Key management remuneration in the year amounted to £377,813 (2023: £383,018).

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £8,434 (2023: £8,999) for key management.

The pension costs are allocated between activities and restricted and unrestricted funds based on the individual staff member direct/indirect on each activity.

**12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	5,893	-	5,893
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	-	1,294,174	1,294,174
Other trading activities	475,459	-	475,459
Investment income	11,493	-	11,493
<b>Total</b>	<u>492,845</u>	<u>1,294,174</u>	<u>1,787,019</u>

Rotherham United Community Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	570,245	1,200,492	1,770,737
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<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(77,400)	93,682	16,282
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	690,319	(690,319)	-
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<b>Net movement in funds</b>	612,919	(596,637)	16,282
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<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	274,546	731,080	1,005,626
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	887,465	134,443	1,021,908
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**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024	102,416	15,000	35,220
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 September 2023	58,523	3,563	24,494
Charge for year	14,631	750	3,522
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At 31 August 2024	73,154	4,313	28,016
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 August 2024	29,262	10,687	7,204
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At 31 August 2023	43,893	11,437	10,726
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**Rotherham United Community Trust**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued**

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024	41,289	10,701	204,626
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 September 2023	18,625	8,259	113,464
Charge for year	7,831	512	27,246
At 31 August 2024	26,456	8,771	140,710
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 August 2024	14,833	1,930	63,916
At 31 August 2023	22,664	2,442	91,162

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	275,530	210,316
Prepayments and accrued income	-	10,140
	275,530	220,456

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Hire purchase (see note 17)	4,499	4,499
Trade creditors	55,995	74,601
Social security and other taxes	21,875	21,461
Other creditors	1,123	-
Accruals and deferred income	275,060	218,126
	358,552	318,687

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hire purchase (see note 17)	<u>7,134</u>	<u>11,633</u>

**17. LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Minimum lease payments fall due as follows:

	Hire purchase contracts	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Net obligations repayable:		
Within one year	4,499	4,499
Between one and five years	<u>7,134</u>	<u>11,633</u>
	<u>11,633</u>	<u>16,132</u>
	Non-cancellable operating leases	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	89,977	86,636
Between one and five years	<u>34,584</u>	<u>89,034</u>
	<u>124,561</u>	<u>175,670</u>

**18. SECURED DEBTS**

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hire purchase contracts	<u>11,633</u>	<u>16,132</u>

The hire purchase is secured against the asset to which it relates. It is repayable by instalments with interest being charged monthly.

**19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	63,916	-	63,916	91,162
Current assets	1,075,602	357,383	1,432,985	1,261,066
Current liabilities	(124,080)	(234,472)	(358,552)	(318,687)
Long term liabilities	<u>(7,134)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,134)</u>	<u>(11,633)</u>
	<u>1,008,304</u>	<u>122,911</u>	<u>1,131,215</u>	<u>1,021,908</u>

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**20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/9/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	807,465	(52,043)	152,882	908,304
Designated	80,000	-	20,000	100,000
	<u>887,465</u>	<u>(52,043)</u>	<u>172,882</u>	<u>1,008,304</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Sports, inclusion and participation	21,739	(26,298)	12,967	8,408
Health	59,791	(24,011)	26,115	61,895
Education	52,913	211,659	(211,964)	52,608
	<u>134,443</u>	<u>161,350</u>	<u>(172,882)</u>	<u>122,911</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,021,908</u>	<u>109,307</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,131,215</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	616,753	(668,796)	(52,043)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sports, inclusion and participation	441,088	(467,386)	(26,298)
Health	262,794	(286,805)	(24,011)
Education	997,148	(785,489)	211,659
	<u>1,701,030</u>	<u>(1,539,680)</u>	<u>161,350</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,317,783</u>	<u>(2,208,476)</u>	<u>109,307</u>

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**20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/9/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	179,546	(77,400)	705,319	807,465
Designated	95,000	-	(15,000)	80,000
	<u>274,546</u>	<u>(77,400)</u>	<u>690,319</u>	<u>887,465</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Sports, inclusion and participation	76,499	61,457	(116,217)	21,739
Health	127,084	(3,325)	(63,968)	59,791
Education	527,497	35,550	(510,134)	52,913
	<u>731,080</u>	<u>93,682</u>	<u>(690,319)</u>	<u>134,443</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,005,626</u>	<u>16,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,021,908</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	492,845	(570,245)	(77,400)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Sports, inclusion and participation	537,310	(475,853)	61,457
Health	203,368	(206,693)	(3,325)
Education	553,496	(517,946)	35,550
	<u>1,294,174</u>	<u>(1,200,492)</u>	<u>93,682</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,787,019</u>	<u>(1,770,737)</u>	<u>16,282</u>

**Purpose of Restricted funds**

**Sports, Inclusion and Participation** - delivering a range of initiatives for social integration and Community cohesion.

The projects within Sports, Participation & Inclusion included:

Primary Stars (Premier League Charitable Fund)  
Kicks (Premier League Charitable Fund)  
Joy of Moving (English Football League Trust)  
Emerging Talent Centre (The FA)  
PCC SYP  
VRU Grant  
Flood Relief (Sport England)  
Smiles for Miles (VAR)

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**20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Holiday Activity Fund (RMBC)  
Universal Youth Work (RMBC)  
Ward Budgets (RMBC)  
Water safety (RMBC)

**Health & Wellbeing** - delivering health related activities in the most deprived communities of Rotherham.

The projects within Health were as follows:  
Active Through Football (Football Foundation)  
Mental Health Grants (VAR)  
Befriending Plus (VAR)  
Man v Fat  
Fit Fans (English Football League Trust)

**Education & Employability** - delivering education and employability courses primarily to post 16 learners through local and national partnerships.

The projects within Education were as follows:  
Study Programme (RNN Group)  
Adult Community Learning (RNN Group)  
Multiply (RMBC)  
Job Centre Plus (DWP)  
University of South Wales, Degree (English Football League Trust)  
National Citizen Service (English Football League Trust)  
Feel Well Work Well, Sheffield Futures

**General** - essential core running of the business to support the charity operating within the constraints of the funding partners.

**Purpose of Designated funds**

The designated funds are held with a view to meeting the short term costs anticipated for non-funded staff salaries, rent or investment.

**Inter fund transfers**

The transfers from designated funds to unrestricted funds during the year ended 31 August 2023 are to ensure the designated funds held at the year end are in line with the policy noted above.

**21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Rotherham United Football Club (RUFC) Limited  
Mr P Douglas and Mrs K Thomas are trustees/directors of both the charity and RUFC. The charity also has close links with the football club. During the year the charity paid £64,474 (2023: £73,416) to Rotherham United Football Club (RUFC) Limited for goods and services provided. The charity received £6,380 (2023: £nil) from Rotherham United Football Club (RUFC) Limited.

The transactions were undertaken on normal terms.

At the balance sheet date the amount due to Rotherham United Football Club (RUFC) Limited was £1,272 (2023: £5,880).

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**21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES - continued**

**ASD Lighting Plc**

Mrs K Thomas is a director of ASD Lighting Plc. During the year, the charity engaged with ASD Lighting for the provision of services related monthly HR, payroll and administrative support. The charity paid £14,186 (2023: £10,731) for these services. As at the balance sheet date the amounts owed to ASD Lighting Plc was £68 (2023: £235).

**S66 Media Limited**

Mr M Hannigan is a director of S66 Media Limited. During the year, the charity paid £nil (2023: £306) to S66 Media Limited.

**Triple Threat Theatre Academy**

Mr J Noble's wife is linked with Triple Threat Theatre Academy. During the year, the charity paid £9,015 (2023: £5,482) to Triple Threat Theatre Academy for various workshops.

**Rotherham BMX**

Mrs C Foster is associated with Rotherham BMX. During the year, the charity received £nil (2023:£718) from Rotherham BMX.

**Bramley Sunnyside Infant School**

Mr M Hannigan is on the Chair of Governors for Bramley Sunnyside Infant School. During the year, the charity paid £nil (2023:£625) and received £600 (2023:£250) from Bramley Sunnyside Infant School.

**22. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	<b>109,307</b>	<b>16,282</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	27,246	27,246
Interest received	(29,136)	(11,493)
Interest element of hire purchase and finance lease rental payments	-	(499)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(55,074)	100,287
Increase in creditors	39,865	9,500
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<b>92,208</b>	<b>141,323</b>

**23. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/9/23 £	Cash flow £	At 31/8/24 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	1,040,610	116,845	1,157,455
	<u>1,040,610</u>	<u>116,845</u>	<u>1,157,455</u>
<b>Debt</b>			
Finance leases	(16,132)	4,499	(11,633)
	<u>(16,132)</u>	<u>4,499</u>	<u>(11,633)</u>



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23.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS - continued			
	Total	<u>1,024,478</u>	<u>121,344</u>	<u>1,145,822</u>