

Charity registration number 1125817

Company registration number 06333232 (England and Wales)

READING FC COMMUNITY TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

READING FC COMMUNITY TRUST

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The trustees present the annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives as set out in the constitution are to assist in advancing education, to promote or assist in promoting community participation in healthy recreation, to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation, to provide or assist in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life for those whom the facilities are provided, to relieve sickness and disability and to preserve and protect health, and to promote any other purpose which is charitable according to English Law.

The aim of the charity is to have a positive influence on young people and the wider community through football and is expressed through its logo 'Care Develop Educate'.

The Trust also makes pledges to its local community. These are as follows:

1. pledge to young people:

- o Create a positive learning environment
- o Enhance development
- o Provide football development opportunities at all levels of the game
- o Promote role models
- o Develop understanding, of and within, the game
- o Help build confidence, self-esteem and promote personal development
- o Improve individual performance
- o Encourage healthier lifestyles

2. pledge to the Community:

- o Create and maintain stronger links between the local community and the football club
- o Promote and develop a wide range of facilities
- o Help to support safer, stronger and more secure communities
- o Using football as a vehicle we will educate our local communities
- o Support volunteering and providing employment opportunities
- o Increase participation in football and active recreation
- o Provide wider community usage of the club
- o Support the development of individuals and groups regardless of their race, culture, religion, gender, ability, sexual orientation, ethnicity or social status

3. pledge to those existing and potential partners:

- o Bring together traditional and non-traditional football activities and environments
- o Help identify pathways leading to additional training, volunteering and career opportunities
- o Inspire innovative football activities and opportunities
- o Promote, enhance and develop good working relationships
- o Provide a professional and positive working environment

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

In furtherance of these aims the charity undertakes a variety of activities with children and young people within three main streams of activity:

Schools Programme

The charity works very closely with the schools in its area, bringing football, healthy lifestyles and education programmes into schools, using football as a vehicle to drive the importance of education and other life skills. A number of these activities are free to participants with some of them requiring fees to attend activities.

- **After School clubs** – 1-hour football/multi-sport coaching sessions run on a weekly basis throughout the year
- **Lunch time clubs** – supervised football/multi-sport sessions run on a weekly basis throughout the year
- **PPA** – delivering sports/PE sessions in schools to cover teachers whilst they are in their planning, preparation and assessment time [PPA]
- **Workshops** - providing a variety of sport or lifestyle based sessions
- **Premier League Primary Stars** – activities delivered in and out of school to increase the level of PE provision within primary schools, up-skill teachers/teaching assistants and work alongside children in their core subjects [literacy, numeracy and PSHE] to help motivate and inspire them
- **School football/multisport festivals and tournaments** – cluster or individual schools coming to the stadium and playing events in the training dome or on the 3G pitch facilitated by the Trust
- **Inset days** – school day football based sessions
- **Choices** – Intervention sessions with targeted pupils based around sport in primary and secondary schools
- **Mentoring programme** – 1 to 1 mentoring work with targeted pupils helping to tackle any behaviour issues within school

Out of school activities

The charity runs a series of coaching and training sessions for boys and girls that are run in the evenings, weekends and school holidays.

- **Soccer Schools** - football coaching that is provided to young people between the ages 5-13 in all school holidays
- **Development centres** – additional football coaching over 30 weeks throughout the year for 5-14 year olds
- **Advanced centres** – additional football coaching over 30 weeks throughout the year for under 7s – 15s, on invitation only [talented players]
- **Elite centres** – as before but of no cost to the players [the better talented players]
- **Girls only Elite centres** – 4 age groups of girls [Under 11s, 13s, 15s, 17s], train twice a week and play Saturday morning [no cost]
- **Girls Development squads** – 3 age groups [Under 11s, 13s and 15s] mirroring the Elite programme, but only playing during school holidays.

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Social Inclusion

The charity runs a series of activities for young people between the ages of 12 to 19, including those who are not in education, employment or training (NEET), offenders/ex-offenders or educational underachievers:

- **PL Kicks** – a project which offers young people evening football coaching and competitions, street dance, film, music workshops and sessions covering lifestyle issues such as drug awareness and the danger of weapons. Over 600 participants are now registered on the project funded over a 3 year period by the Premier League
- **PL Targeted Kicks** – working one on one with some of the more targeted children who have the potential to cause serious violence or anti-social behaviour.
- **RAP - Reading Alternative Provision** - education intervention programme run at the stadium for children from various schools, care homes, foster homes, local authorities who are or may be at threat of being excluded from their school.
- **DIVERT** – working alongside Thames Valley Police funding is provided for a Custody Coach to work out of 2 local Police stations mentoring first time offenders from 18 – 24 years of age.
- **SCL Traineeships** - giving young people with very limited academic qualifications the opportunity of participating on an education course with a high sport element.
- **Reading College** - in partnership with the college we facilitate and teach level 2 and 3 courses in football in the community to students from 16-19 years of age.
- **Royals Cast Chat** - 1 to 1 mentoring service for referred young people who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.

The charity delivers sessions and projects under the EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) department in conjunction with other charities, groups, disability organisations, the football club and our main two stakeholders – PLCF (Premier league Community Fund), EFLT (English Football League Trust).

Activities include -

- Delivering coaching sessions in special education needs schools [SEN]
- Delivering projects for adults with disability and learning difficulties
- Football coaching sessions specifically for certain disabilities – Downs syndrome, deaf, blind and learning difficulties
- Football tournaments and festivals for children from SEN schools
- Working alongside participants from the LGBTQ+ community
- Supporting grassroots football clubs to become inclusive, helping to sustain the development of disability football – within the Berkshire area
- Working in partnership with the Berks and Bucks FA to develop grassroots coaches in working with disabled footballers, and supporting them to gain their FA coaching disabled footballers award.

These activities are supported by grant funding allowing free participation.

The Trust staff have also delivered the following courses/activities to our local community:

- Sports Leaders Award
- Anti-bullying workshop
- Healthy lifestyle
- Respect workshops
- Numeracy and literacy
- Volunteer development
- Drink aware
- Critical incident training
- Fire safety
- Drug awareness workshops

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The Trust staff have also delivered the following courses/activities to our local community:

- Sports Leaders Award
- Introduction to football coaching
- Anti-bullying workshop
- Healthy lifestyle
- Respect workshops
- Numeracy and literacy
- Volunteer development
- Drive awareness
- Critical incident training
- Fire safety
- Drug awareness workshops

Public benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in the planning and operations of all its current and future activities. In particular, the Trustees have given due regard to public benefit when setting the level of fees to participate in activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

- Social Inclusion – increasing work output again over this 12-month period, Reading Alternative Provision proving again to be very popular with schools and local authorities.
- Sports Participation – increase in numbers of Soccer schools since children are participating back after Covid, demand in general has been very high since children are able to participate in face-to-face activities.
- EDI – SEND holiday camps have been hugely successful with the trust winning the contracts of both local authorities (Reading and Wokingham) to deliver these activities within Berkshire.
- CCOP (Capability code of Practice) – introduced by the PLCF and the EFLT which rates CCO's on 16 specific headings relating to the governance of the Trust – Reading FC CT rated Very Good.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year the charity raised a total of £1,984,997 (2022: £1,527,887) to pursue its activities.

The charity is aiming to hold sufficient unrestricted reserves to facilitate the existing charitable activities for 6 months. This would enable the Trust to generate appropriate supplementary additional income should funding from existing sources be reduced. In no circumstance will the reserves fall below the normal level of three months support costs.

At 30 June 2023, the charity held £660,374 (2022: £608,331) in unrestricted reserves. This equates to approximately 30 months of support costs (2022: 23 months). This is greater than our stated policy and is being used to finance the relocation of our social inclusion department.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Trust will continue with the existing programmes, as well as with new initiatives including:

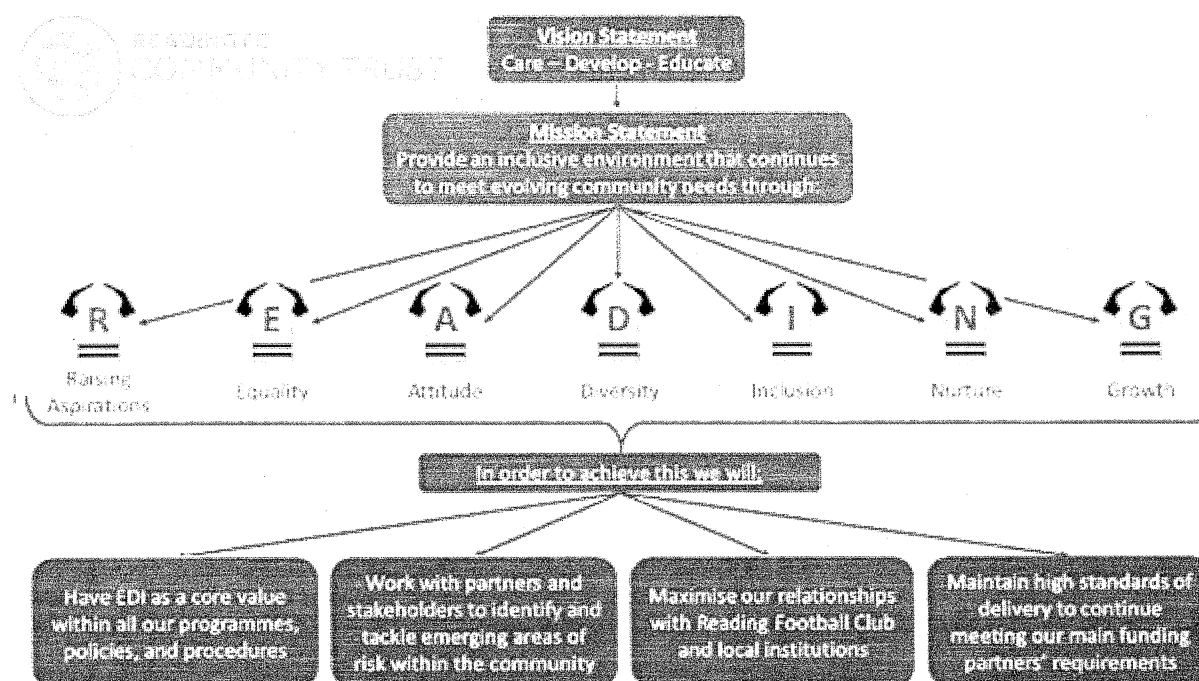
- Relocation of the social inclusion department to South Reading leisure centre – Community Trust will self-fund the project to the building cost of £360,000, planning to move in by January 2024.
- PLCF project PL Inspires – new funded project by the PLCF working with cohorts of students in secondary schools to help achieve their full potential.
- Custody coach – funding directly from Thames Valley Police over a 3 year period to deliver the project in house within the social inclusion department - £50,000 per year working out of 2 Police stations.
- CCOP – maintaining current level and aspiring to reach exemplary level
- Maintain current health of the Trust – Governance, Finance and Safeguarding
- Ensure EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) are core to all policies and procedures within the Trust.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

STRATEGIC DIRECTION - The Action Plan



STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and is governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

DR Downs	
AM Reaney	
B Stabler	(Resigned 14 April 2023)
NA Coupe	
D Anthony	(Resigned 13 February 2023)
D Hall	
PS Batth	
M Bradley	(Resigned 24 November 2023)
G Connolly	(Resigned 27 February 2023)
SJ Cooke	(Appointed 1 September 2022)
A Tow	(Appointed 1 March 2023)
S Hussain	(Appointed 1 March 2023)
J Evans	(Appointed 2 June 2023)

The sole member of the charity is Reading Football Club Limited. Members undertake to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity if the charity is wound up whilst a member, or within 12 months of ceasing membership.

The trustees are appointed by the member. New trustees are selected on the basis of the skills and experience they have and receive induction from existing trustees as required.

The charity has 48 permanent and 30 casual members of staff.

The trustees met four times during the year to decide on policy and procedure. The day to day management of the charity is undertaken by the charity's general manager.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023*

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The charity occupies premises and uses furniture and equipment that belongs to Reading Football Club. The charity makes a financial contribution to Reading Football Club to cover costs.

Auditor

A resolution proposing that Myers Clark be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



NA Coupe

Trustee

Dated: 4 January 2024

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors of Reading FC Community Trust for the purpose 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF READING FC COMMUNITY TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Reading FC Community Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including 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 30 June 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 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 auditor's 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 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF READING FC COMMUNITY TRUST

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF READING FC COMMUNITY TRUST

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

In identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following;

- The nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the design of the remuneration policies, key drivers for trustee remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets;
- results of our enquiries of Management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and review the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to;
- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulation and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. 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 also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company 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 UK Companies Act.

In addition, we considered 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 company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included the Employment law.

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

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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

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

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF READING FC COMMUNITY TRUST

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Myers Clark

31 January 2024

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	37,886	-	37,886	44,531
Charitable activities	4	1,575,231	326,287	1,901,518	1,456,280
Other trading activities	5	45,593	-	45,593	27,076
Total income		1,658,710	326,287	1,984,997	1,527,887
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	67,086	-	67,086	46,413
Charitable activities	7	1,539,581	332,954	1,872,535	1,474,426
Total resources expended		1,606,667	332,954	1,939,621	1,520,839
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		52,043	(6,667)	45,376	7,048
Fund balances at 1 July 2022		608,331	19,892	628,223	621,175
Fund balances at 30 June 2023		660,374	13,225	673,599	628,223

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Statement of Financial Activities - Prior Year Detail

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	44,531	-	44,531
Charitable activities	1,120,951	335,329	1,456,280
Other trading activities	27,076	-	27,076
Total income	1,192,558	335,329	1,527,887
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	46,413	-	46,413
Charitable activities	1,132,727	341,699	1,474,426
Total resources expended	1,179,140	341,699	1,520,839
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	13,418	(6,370)	7,048
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year / Net movement in funds	13,418	(6,370)	7,048
Fund balances at 1 July 2021	594,913	26,262	621,175
Fund balances at 30 June 2022	608,331	19,892	628,223

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

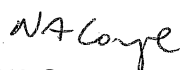
	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		89,802		45,752
Current assets					
Debtors	14	121,447		153,329	
Cash at bank and in hand		963,057		746,662	
		1,084,504		899,991	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(500,707)		(317,520)	
Net current assets			583,797		582,471
Total assets less current liabilities			673,599		628,223
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		13,225		19,892
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	17	32,462		34,802	
General unrestricted funds		627,912		573,529	
			660,374		608,331
			673,599		628,223

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 4 January 2024


NA Coupe
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06333232

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	22		262,785		41,714
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(46,390)		(37,430)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(46,390)		(37,430)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			216,395		4,284
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			746,662		742,378
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			963,057		746,662

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Reading FC Community Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England & Wales.

2.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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2.5 Resources expended

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 settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	10 years straight line
Motor vehicles	4 years straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

2.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

3 Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	6,386	8,327
Grants	31,500	36,204
	<u>37,886</u>	<u>44,531</u>
Donations and gifts		
Donations from institutions	934	7,625
Donations from individuals	5,452	702
	<u>6,386</u>	<u>8,327</u>
Grants		
English Football League Trust	31,500	35,000
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-	1,204
	<u>31,500</u>	<u>36,204</u>

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4 Charitable activities

	Schools programme £	Out of school activities £	Social inclusion £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Services provided under contract	213,116	328,394	1,025,480	1,566,990	1,120,834
Performance related grants	151,373	390	174,724	326,487	329,768
Other income	4,914	-	3,127	8,041	5,678
	<u>369,403</u>	<u>328,784</u>	<u>1,203,331</u>	<u>1,901,518</u>	<u>1,456,280</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds	218,030	328,594	1,028,607	1,575,231	
Restricted funds	151,373	190	174,724	326,287	
	<u>369,403</u>	<u>328,784</u>	<u>1,203,331</u>	<u>1,901,518</u>	
For the year ended 30 June 2022					
Unrestricted funds	164,659	261,745	694,547		1,120,951
Restricted funds	131,231	200	203,898		335,329
	<u>295,890</u>	<u>261,945</u>	<u>898,445</u>		<u>1,456,280</u>
Performance related grants					
Premier League Charitable Fund	151,373	190	174,057	325,620	267,082
English Football League Trust	-	-	667	667	61,686
Other	-	200	-	200	1,000
	<u>151,373</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>174,724</u>	<u>326,487</u>	<u>329,768</u>

5 Other trading activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Golden Gamble	18,481	23,067
Mascots	14,345	3,824
Birthday parties	7,754	185
Training courses	5,013	-
Other trading activities	<u>45,593</u>	<u>27,076</u>

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6 Raising funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Golden Gamble	32,215	28,456
Mascots	13,447	7,420
Birthday parties	8,815	3,482
Training courses	6,458	-
Support & governance costs	6,151	7,055
	<u>67,086</u>	<u>46,413</u>
Fundraising and publicity	<u>67,086</u>	<u>46,413</u>

7 Charitable activities

	Schools programme	Out of school activities	Social inclusion	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	256,529	146,809	926,660	1,329,998	976,366
Depreciation and impairment	-	-	2,340	2,340	5,720
Direct costs	50,271	94,936	204,972	350,179	268,217
	<u>306,800</u>	<u>241,745</u>	<u>1,133,972</u>	<u>1,682,517</u>	<u>1,250,303</u>
Share of support & governance costs (see note 9)	34,641	27,296	128,081	190,018	224,123
	<u>341,441</u>	<u>269,041</u>	<u>1,262,053</u>	<u>1,872,535</u>	<u>1,474,426</u>

8 Net movement in funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	10,740	10,200
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	2,340	5,720

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9 Support & governance costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
SUPPORT COSTS		
Salaries	150,742	185,040
Travel and subsistence	3,680	6,866
Printing, postage and stationery	1,412	762
Telephone	695	622
IT support	1,125	2,041
Legal & professional	2,795	2,334
Project sundries	3,068	1,402
Training, kit and other staff costs	1,934	8,449
Other costs	19,978	13,462
GOVERNANCE COSTS		
Audit	10,740	10,200
	<u>196,169</u>	<u>231,178</u>
Analysed between		
Fundraising	6,151	7,055
Charitable activities	<u>190,018</u>	<u>224,123</u>
	<u>196,169</u>	<u>231,178</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £10,740 (2022- £10,200) for audit fees.

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

No travel expenses were paid in respect of trustees (2022: £nil).

During the year no donations were made to the Trust by trustees (2022: £nil).

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11 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number employees based on headcount during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Permanent staff	48	46
Peripatetic coaches and staff	30	25
	<u>78</u>	<u>71</u>

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable activities:		
Wages and salaries	1,205,143	896,134
Social security costs	103,590	66,755
Other pension costs	21,265	13,477
	<u>1,329,998</u>	<u>976,366</u>
Raising funds:		
Wages and salaries	28,207	21,778
Social security costs	1,994	1,261
Other pension costs	429	352
	<u>30,630</u>	<u>23,391</u>
Support & governance costs:		
Wages and salaries	134,684	170,942
Social security costs	13,220	10,287
Other pension costs	2,838	2,391
	<u>150,742</u>	<u>183,620</u>
Total employment costs	<u>1,511,370</u>	<u>1,183,377</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration including benefits in kind was £60,000 or more were:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Within the range of £60,000 - £69,999	-	1
Within the range of £70,000 - £79,999	1	-

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets under construction	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 July 2022	37,430	23,402	13,520	74,352
Additions	46,390	-	-	46,390
At 30 June 2023	83,820	23,402	13,520	120,742
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 July 2022	-	15,080	13,520	28,600
Depreciation charged in the year	-	2,340	-	2,340
At 30 June 2023	-	17,420	13,520	30,940
Carrying amount				
At 30 June 2023	83,820	5,982	-	89,802
At 30 June 2022	37,430	8,322	-	45,752

14 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	105,082	134,683
Other debtors	976	4,309
Prepayments and accrued income	15,389	14,337
	121,447	153,329

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	38,236	48,598
Other creditors	35,090	9,913
Accruals and deferred income	427,381	259,009
	500,707	317,520

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16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 July 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers
	£	£	£	£
Schools Programme	-	151,183	(151,183)	-
Social inclusion	13,271	175,104	(181,771)	-
Capacity Building	6,621	-	-	-
	<u>19,892</u>	<u>326,287</u>	<u>(332,954)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>19,892</u>	<u>326,287</u>	<u>(332,954)</u>	<u>-</u>

Prior Year Detail

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 July 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers
	£	£	£	£
Out of school activities	-	200	(200)	-
Schools Programme	-	131,232	(131,232)	-
Social inclusion	19,641	203,898	(210,268)	-
Capacity Building	6,621	-	-	-
	<u>26,262</u>	<u>335,330</u>	<u>(341,700)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>26,262</u>	<u>335,330</u>	<u>(341,700)</u>	<u>-</u>

17 Unrestricted funds

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 July 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers
	£	£	£	£
Designated funds				
Info Bus	23,100	-	-	-
Classroom	11,702	-	(2,340)	-
	<u>34,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,340)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>34,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,340)</u>	<u>-</u>
General unrestricted funds	<u>573,529</u>	<u>1,658,710</u>	<u>(1,604,327)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>608,331</u>	<u>1,658,710</u>	<u>(1,606,667)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>608,331</u>	<u>1,658,710</u>	<u>(1,606,667)</u>	<u>-</u>

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Prior year detail

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 July 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 30 June 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Info Bus	26,480	-	(3,380)	-	23,100
Classroom	14,042	-	(2,340)	-	11,702
	<u>40,522</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,720)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,802</u>
General unrestricted funds	<u>554,391</u>	<u>1,192,558</u>	<u>(1,173,420)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>573,529</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>419,656</u>	<u>1,192,558</u>	<u>(1,179,140)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>608,331</u>

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 30 June 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	89,802	-	89,802
Current assets/(liabilities)	570,572	13,225	583,797
	<u>660,374</u>	<u>13,225</u>	<u>673,599</u>

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 30 June 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	45,752	-	45,752
Current assets/(liabilities)	562,579	19,892	582,471
	<u>608,331</u>	<u>19,892</u>	<u>628,223</u>

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19 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	21,245	16,894
Between two and five years	26,906	7,089
	<u>48,151</u>	<u>23,983</u>

20 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>164,001</u>	<u>132,067</u>

Transactions with related parties

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to disclose transactions with group companies on the grounds that consolidated financial statements are prepared by the ultimate parent company.

Ultimate controlling party

The immediate parent company is The Reading Football Club, by virtue of it being the sole member of the company and having sole power in appointing and removing trustees of the company. The ultimate controlling party is Dai Yongge by virtue of having control of Great Shine International Limited, the ultimate controlling parent company of The Reading Football Club Limited.

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

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22 Cash generated from operations	2023	2022
	£	£
Surplus for the year	45,376	7,048
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	2,340	5,720
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	31,882	(54,579)
Increase in creditors	183,187	83,525
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Cash generated from operations	262,785	41,714
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