

Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited
Annual Report
For the year ended 31 August 2023

Company no 06736385
Charity no 1126620

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Company Information

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee

Company registration number: 06736385

Charity registration number: 1126620

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Trustees report (incorporating the strategic report)

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies) present their annual report together with the financial statements of Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 August 2023. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the applicable United Kingdom accounting standards including 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited ("the charitable company") is a company Limited by guarantee, which is governed by memorandum and articles of association dated 29 October 2008 and is a registered charity.

The company was registered as a charity on 10 November 2008.

These financial statements present the financial position as at 31 August 2023, and the result for the year then ended.

Method of appointment or election of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

The Articles of Association allow The Sheffield United Football Club Limited to nominate no less than 50% of the total number of trustees on the board at all times.

At the first annual general meeting held on 25 May 2009 all of the trustees were required to retire for reappointment. At each subsequent annual general meeting one third of the trustees shall retire for reappointment by rotation.

Induction and training of trustees

The trustees are mindful of their duties in connection with the induction and training for trustees and appropriate steps have been taken.

Trustees

All of the trustees served throughout the year, except where otherwise stated:

D Baker, Chairman
P S Flower
S Basu (resigned 24 January 2023)
G Valentine
G Saville
B J Simpson-Lyons
M D Monteiro
V Anderson
D W Hall
Princess R Abdulaziz Al Saud (resigned 24 December 2022)
L Jones

During the year the charitable company provided its trustees with third party indemnity insurance.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the foundation and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Trustees report (incorporating the strategic report)

Policies and Objectives

The Foundation's policies and objectives are for the benefit of the public generally and the inhabitants of Sheffield City Region.

The Foundation's vision is:

A Healthy, Empowered, Inclusive Community.

The Foundation's Mission is:

Harnessing the power of Sheffield United Football Club, we deliver bespoke programmes that tackle inequalities and provide opportunities to improve people's lives and develop communities.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future being a period of 12 months from the point of signing the financial statements. The forecast has been prepared to August 2025. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Stress testing has been undertaken to demonstrate the Foundation's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months after the date of the financial statements. In addition, with continued growth in the Education and Employability department, and new developments in the Communities and Wellbeing department, the Foundation has maintained a strong cash position, which gives confidence to the trustees to deem it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties which may cast doubt over the Foundations ability to continue as a going concern.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

Overview

Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited has, like many charities, been continually challenged by the economic climate in 2022-2023. Despite this, the Foundation were able to continue working towards its vision due to progress made in recent years, and the flexible nature of the work undertaken allowing delivery of services to be adapted to suit the ever-changing circumstances which our communities face. The Foundation continues to evidence sustainability despite challenges and maintains its strong reputation in the city region as a high-quality and trustworthy provider.

The Foundation enjoys a positive working relationship with Sheffield United Football Club, across all departments. Support from the club has enabled the Foundation to meet the challenges during the year and continue to support its communities without disruption. The Foundation continue to operate from their Head Office at the Blades Business Hub, located at Bramall Lane Stadium and utilise office and classroom space within the stadium as a central delivery location. Foundation programmes continue to operate at 85 sites across the city, all of which provide bespoke facilities that cater to the needs of our programme participants and ensure we remain cognizant of our aim to be within 10 minutes of our participants travel time from an engagement and an environmental sustainability perspective.

The Foundation Senior Leadership Team continued to review its operations throughout the year in line with the implementation of its strategic plan where continued delivery of 26 (2022:26) high-quality programmes across the following themes:

- Accessibility & Inclusion
- Community Engagement
- Education & Skills
- Employability & Training
- Health & Wellbeing
- Sport & Physical Activity

Trustees report (incorporating the strategic report)

Financially, the Foundation made a positive contribution into its reserves to sustain future charitable activities whilst also investing in facilities and infrastructure. The purpose of such development has helped to create future sustainability whilst achieving an increased level of community impact and social value.

During 2022-2023, the Foundation worked with 10,958 (2022: 12,081) individuals ranging from 0 years (2022: 5) old to 95 (2022: 96) years old. Like 2022, the 10,958 individuals engaged in Foundation activities were engaged across all 28 wards in Sheffield, across 85 delivery sites. The average contact time per participant was 46 hours (2021-2022: 25 hours).

Structure

Ending the year with 43 FTE (2022: 46), The Foundation saw a mix of recruitment and increased use of casual staff. There were 39 leavers in 2022-2023 (2021-2022: 17) with 28 successful appointments being made to fill some of the existing full and part time roles, with new appointments being made in line with additional programme requirements, including ESports, Premier League Inspires, Youth Hubs and Youth Services. The gap in starters and leavers signifies the end of the NCS contract the year previous, where casual employees were not replaced.

Equality Diversity and Inclusion

The current diversity of the Foundation is as follows:

Trustees: 11 (36% Female, 64% Male). 27% (3) of Trustees consider themselves from an ethnic group other than white British/Welsh/Scottish, 9% (1) consider themselves gay/lesbian. Note: 2 trustees retired during the year.

Staff: 44 FTE (43 FT, 8 PT, 9 Trustees), 20 Female (33%), 40 Male - (67%) (2021-2022 37% Female, 63% Male).

Of the 20 female staff (including part time), 35% (7) have line management responsibilities, 17% consider themselves to have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last, 15% from an ethnic group other than white British/Welsh/Scottish, 30% are gay/lesbian, with 10% preferring not to answer the question.

Of the 40 male staff (including part time), 48% (19) have line management responsibilities, 10% (4) consider themselves to have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last, 25% (10) from an ethnic group other than white British/Welsh/Scottish, 98% are straight/Heterosexual, with 2% preferring not to answer the question.

Trustees

The Board of Trustees has changed during the reporting period with the resignation of Princess Reem Bint Abdullah Bin Mosaad Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud (24th December 2022) and Dr Subhashis Basu (24th January 2023). The Board comprises of 9 trustees and continues to have proactive involvement in the Community Foundation with roles and responsibilities being shared, based on the Trustees appropriate experience and skills.

Performance Overview

Education & Employability

The education and employability department continues to have a strong Further and Higher Education offer which saw diversification of learning pathways to accommodate for a broader range of learners throughout the year.

Increased recruitment events in 2022-2023 saw improved enrolment with 140 learners joining the **Study programme** (2022: 129), and 43 (2022: 38) joining the **Foundation Degree** across year 1, 2 and 3. In addition to the Study Programme, the Foundation launched its first **ESports** programme in September 2022 with 17 learners enrolling in the accredited BTEC programme in its first year.

The **Traineeship** programme continued to engage young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) with 28 learners taking part during the year (2022: 23), while the **Street Soccer Academy**, a programme tackling youth homelessness, provided a learning and development opportunity for 19 young people aged 17-25.

Trustees report (incorporating the strategic report)

The **Twinning Project** is a partnership between HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) and professional football clubs with the objective of twinning every prison in England and Wales with a local professional football club to deliver programmes that improve mental and physical health, wellbeing and includes an accredited qualification which will help improve prisoners' life chances on release. We are currently twinned with **HMP Moorlands** and engaged 29 prisoners on the programmes in 2022-2023.

New programmes aiming to enhance employability and reduce disengagement with education included the **Premier League Inspires** programme (engaging 96 secondary school pupils across 3 schools) and the **Youth Hubs** programme, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions (engaging 83 young people aged 18-25 who are in receipt of Universal Credit).

A total of 455 (2022: 190) learners achieved with the Foundation in 2022/2023.

Communities & Wellbeing

Fans Fighting Cancer progressed into its fourth year of delivery in 2022-2023, meeting the needs of 476 people (2022: 349), delivering 15 physical activity and wellbeing sessions per week both in person and virtually where required.

Mental Health continued to be a key focus for the Foundation during the year. Utilising allocated funds, the Foundation successfully delivered Mental Health support sessions for Men, Women and Children, delivering 28 sessions throughout the year, engaging with 715 people across the year (2022: 191).

Welcome Through Football; a refugee programme funded by the European Football Development Network (EFDN) continued into its third delivery year, engaging 45 refugees throughout the year (2022: 45).

Extra-curricular clubs saw an increase in engagement with 196 (2022: 132). Similarly, the Foundations **Football camps** saw 10,696 bookings (2022: 6,292) across the year with the continuation of **Holiday Activities and Food** (HAF) provision, the Foundation were able to provide free places on holiday camps for children eligible for free school meals, providing a healthy meal every day they attended too.

Premier League Kicks engaged with 1,014/1,000 (2022: 1,109/1,150) young people within the year across 19 sites in Sheffield. The **Joy of Moving** programme engaged with 19 (2022: 27) primary schools, delivering to 1,074 (2022: 1,674) children, while the **Premier League Primary Stars** programme supported 95/88 PE lessons in schools across the city.

The **Empower: LGBT+** programme continued to strengthen engagement with 1,033 participants, while the **Empower: Women and Girls** programme engaged 685 participants during the year.

Active through Football, funded by Sport England via the Football Foundation, aims to engage inactive people aged 16+ in Burngreave and Parsons Cross through recreational football activities. We are the lead organisation for the project on behalf of a consortium of partners which include Yorkshire Sport Foundation, Sheffield City Council, Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme, VAS, Sheffield & Hallamshire CFA, SOAR Community and other voluntary sector organisations. The programme engaged with 56/40 participants in its first year.

Our **Grassroots Women and Girls** programme continues to support football provision for 15 teams, comprising of 233 players aged U8 to open age. The club continues to be the biggest girls only football club in the region.

Weight Management support sessions for children and adults provide nutritional advice and physical activity sessions designed to help people live a healthier lifestyle. The aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of adults, young people and children in the communities in which we operate. The programme engaged with 40/15 women across the year and started to engage with children (9) because of ongoing development.

Fundraising – Superdraw lotto

Throughout 22-23, funds raised from the “**Blades Superdraw**” society lottery totalled £87,347 (2022: £77,165).

Trustees report (incorporating the strategic report)

Funding

The financial position of the Community Foundation has changed with a turnover of **£2,034,885** (2022: £1,950,033) and costs of **£1,970,781** (2022: £1,672,241), providing a contribution into reserves of **£64,104** (2022: £277,792). However, it is noted that **£57,121** (2022: £181,688) of the total reserve is restricted for operational costs relating to the future delivery of restricted projects.

The Foundation continues to develop financial efficiencies which have supported consecutive positive financial positions at year end, cumulating in an unrestricted reserve of £1,131,336. With Sheffield United Football Club gaining promotion to the Premier League in 2023, the Foundations Core funding has increased by £65,000 for the 2023-2024 delivery year.

Club Relationship

The key relationship with Sheffield United Football Club continues to be progressive. At the end of 2022-2023, the club held 3 trustee positions, and as a result, makes up 33% of the whole Trustee Board. Additional appointments of at least 2 club representatives are planned for 23-24 to bring the total to 50%, demonstrating the continuous development of the working relationship. The Foundation work jointly with the club across various themes including Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, match day fan engagement and holistic Safeguarding. Key relationships have been developed throughout the year ensuring clear connectivity, communication and collaboration.

Reserves Policy

The Foundation's policy is to retain free reserves at a level which provides adequate working capital and allows it to meet its anticipated commitments in the short and medium term. For this purpose, free reserves are defined as total reserves less restricted reserves. It is considered that free reserves to cover a three-month period are sufficient with a maximum free reserve of six months. The current level of free reserve stands at **£1,131,336**, which equates to approximately 6 months operating costs.

Considering the Foundations general reserve exceeds the reserve policy maximum of 6 months operating costs, the Board of Trustees have approved expenditure of **£126,575** in 2023-2024 across 3 areas: *People, Projects and Places* as part of the Foundations Investment Policy, thereby reducing the reserve amount to 6 months operating costs.

It is envisaged that the Foundation will continue to invest in the 3 policy areas while ever their maximum reserves are met and will utilise the funds to meet the changing needs of the Sheffield community through the development of its people, the implementation of new projects and investment into facilities.

2023-2024 investment:

- Perkbox (employee reward and support, continued from 21-22), £7,776
- Westfield Heath cash plan (granted in 21-22, uplifted to level 2 for 22-23), £8,799
- Sheffield Chamber of Commerce Premium membership, £10,000
- Match funding with Westfield Health for Fans FC up to Dec 2023, £20,000
- Potential funding for the continuation of Fans FC if bid unsuccessful, £80,000

Conclusion

Building on the success of 2021-2022, the Foundation has enjoyed a highly successful year in terms of its intended purpose of creating a healthy, empowered, inclusive community in Sheffield. Consistency in governance, financial management, leadership and operations management helped the Foundation diversify engagement, with new programmes providing additional, accessible and inclusive engagement opportunities for a wider variety of participants, whilst creating sustainable pathways for lifelong success.

Trustees report (incorporating the strategic report)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

The trustees confirm that:

- so far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies note

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.



D Baker
Chairman and Trustee

Date: 28/3/2024



Independent Auditor's report to the trustees of Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023, which comprise Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows 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 including Financial Reporting Standard 102; The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including, its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act. 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 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

We are responsible for concluding on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern. In our evaluation of the trustees' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks associated with the charitable company's business model including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as inflation and cost of living, we assessed and challenged the reasonableness of estimates made by the trustees and the related disclosures and analysed how those risks might affect the charitable company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

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 directors 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 Trustees report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



Independent Auditor's report to the trustees of Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees report (incorporating the Strategic Report) prepared for the purposes of company law, included in the Trustees report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees report (incorporating the Strategic Report) have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matter on which we are required to report under the Companies Act 2006

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 Trustees report (incorporating the Strategic Report).

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 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
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an 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.



Independent Auditor's report to the trustees of Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

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

- The Charitable company is subject to many laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements. We identified the following laws and regulations as the most likely to have a material effect if non-compliance were to occur; Charities SORP (FRS102), FRS 102, Charities Act 2006, Data protection Act 2018, and the provision of the trust deed.
- We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.
- We understood how the Charitable company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquiries of management. We corroborated our enquires through our review of board minutes and legal expenses.
- Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
 - Evaluation of the controls established to address the risk related to irregularities and fraud.
 - Testing manual journal entries, in particular journal entries determined to be large or relating to unusual transactions based on our understanding of the business.
 - Identifying and testing related party transaction
 - Completion of audit procedures to conclude on the compliance of disclosure in the annual report and accounts with applicable financial reporting requirements.
- These audit procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error and detecting irregularities that result from fraud is inherently more difficult than detecting those that result from error, as fraud may involve collusion, deliberate concealment, forgery or intentional misrepresentations. Also, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it.
- Assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement teams.
 - Understanding of, and practical experience with audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation.
 - Knowledge of the industry in which the client operates
 - Understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements specific to the entity.

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



Independent Auditor's report to the trustees of Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited

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 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 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant Thornton UK LLP".

Peter Edwards
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP
Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants
Sheffield
Date: 28/3/2024

Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations		87,347	-	87,347	77,165
Engagement activities		1,149,131	798,407	1,947,538	1,872,868
Total income	4	<u>1,236,478</u>	<u>798,407</u>	<u>2,034,885</u>	<u>1,950,033</u>
Expenditure					
Resources expended					
Youth engagement activities		(1,229,495)	(741,286)	(1,970,781)	(1,672,241)
Total expenditure	5	<u>(1,229,495)</u>	<u>(741,286)</u>	<u>(1,970,781)</u>	<u>(1,672,241)</u>
Net income before transfers		6,983	57,121	64,104	277,792
Transfers between funds	13	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		6,983	57,121	64,104	277,792
Total funds brought forward	13	<u>1,124,353</u>	<u>181,688</u>	<u>1,306,041</u>	<u>1,028,249</u>
Fund balances carried forward at 31 August 2023	13	<u><u>1,131,336</u></u>	<u><u>238,809</u></u>	<u><u>1,370,145</u></u>	<u><u>1,306,041</u></u>

All activities are classed as continuing.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet

(registered number: 06736385)

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	<u>95,566</u>	<u>35,433</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	495,165	494,369
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,025,740</u>	<u>957,199</u>
		<u>1,520,905</u>	<u>1,451,568</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(246,326)</u>	<u>(180,428)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,274,579</u>	<u>1,271,140</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	-	(532)
Net assets	14	<u>1,370,145</u>	<u>1,306,041</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	238,809	181,688
Unrestricted funds	13	<u>1,131,336</u>	<u>1,124,353</u>
		<u>1,370,145</u>	<u>1,306,041</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:



D Baker
Chairman and Trustee

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of cash flows

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities	64,104	277,792
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation	30,502	15,632
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(796)	(179,836)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	66,372	32,302
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,994	-
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>162,176</u>	<u>145,980</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(92,629)	(16,313)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	<u>(92,629)</u>	<u>(16,313)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Obligations under finance lease	<u>(1,006)</u>	<u>(1,006)</u>
Change in cash in the year	68,541	128,661
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	957,199	828,538
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	<u><u>1,025,740</u></u>	<u><u>957,199</u></u>

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Company information

Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. The registered office is Sheffield United Football Club, Bramall Lane, Cherry Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S2 4SU. The charitable company was incorporated in England and Wales.

2 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling (£).

Company status

The company is a company Limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is Limited to £10 per member of the company. The members of the company are the Board of Trustees.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the company has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the company where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income from government and other grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expenses categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £100 or more are capitalised at cost. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	-	25% straight line
Fixtures & fittings	-	25% straight line
Gaming Computers	-	33% straight line

Irrecoverable Value Added Tax

The Foundation is unable to recover the Value Added Taxation charged on its purchases. The irrecoverable amount is charged to the statement of financial activities.

Taxation

As a registered charity the company is exempt from taxation on its income and gains to the extent that they are applied for its charitable purposes.

Retirement benefits

Defined contribution pension schemes

The pension costs charged in the year represents the amount of the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting year.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future being a period of 12 months from the point of signing the financial statements. The forecast has been prepared to August 2025. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Stress testing has been undertaken to demonstrate the Foundation's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months after the date of the financial statements. In addition, with continued growth in the Education and Employability department, and new developments in the Communities and Wellbeing department, the Foundation has maintained a strong cash position, which gives confidence to the trustees to deem it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties which may cast doubt over the Foundations ability to continue as a going concern.

3 Significant judgements and estimates

Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts 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. The recognition of income from grants, including their classification as restricted, involves judgement as to whether performance or other entitlement commitments have been met.

Notes to the financial statements

4 Income received

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations				
SUSA Lottery	87,347	-	87,347	77,165
Grants receivable				
Universal Youth Grant	-	65,300	65,300	-
PL Kickz Programme	-	127,175	127,175	95,422
WT Football	-	15,209	15,209	10,843
Empower W&G	-	44,000	44,000	46,000
Employer LGBT+	-	47,500	47,500	47,500
EF Isolation	-	-	-	-
NCS	(8,652)	(5,175)	(13,827)	218,119
Skillsbooster	25,900	-	25,900	35,490
Active Through Football	-	105,000	105,000	52,500
Foundation Degree	107,775	-	107,775	98,100
Kinder	-	16,268	16,268	22,704
Head Office	90,375	-	90,375	215,215
PL Primary Stars R	-	75,000	75,000	72,000
Fans FC	-	131,668	131,668	131,666
Camps	-	52,719	52,719	47,321
Traineeships	-	-	-	280
PL Inspires	-	50,000	50,000	-
	215,398	724,664	940,062	1,093,160
Project income				
Curriculum support	-	-	-	3,038
Football Camps	146,511	1,980	148,491	81,683
Grassroots	-	38,500	38,500	43,176
Football development	-	-	-	213
Healthy Schools	-	-	-	392
Disability	-	-	-	2,000
Mental Health	-	-	-	2,000
PL Primary Stars S	92,735	-	92,735	65,191
Active Through Football	-	-	-	7,500
Study programme	479,176	-	479,176	443,699
Traineeship	69,320	-	69,320	35,683
Foundation Degree	3,605	-	3,650	980
Youth Hub	21,642	-	21,642	-
Fans FC	-	20,000	20,000	-
Extra curriculum	56,085	-	56,085	40,703
PL Kickz Programme	-	6,445	6,445	4,228
Empower W&G	-	2,200	2,200	7,420
Employer LGBT+	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Memory Lane	-	2,600	2,600	-
Head Office	2,071	-	2,071	12,069
NCS	-	-	-	364
Weight Management	-	-	-	150
Dame Kelly Holmes Trust	-	(2,982)	(2,982)	15,404
Street Soccer	6,192	-	6,192	6,316
Twinning	5,000	-	5,000	2,500
Esports	51,396	-	51,396	-
	933,733	73,743	1,007,476	779,709
Year End Income	1,236,478	798,407	2,034,885	1,950,033

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5 Resources expended

	Direct £	Support costs Salary £	Overheads £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Youth engagement activities	551,125	1,240,412	179,244	1,970,781	1,672,241

6 Net income

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	29,496	14,626
Depreciation of finance leases	1,006	1,006
Audit of financial statements	22,200	14,000

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration or benefit in kind (2022: £nil).

During the year, no trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2022: £nil).

7 Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	1,127,476	1,035,102
Social security costs	87,396	66,465
Other pension costs	25,540	22,683
	1,240,412	1,124,250

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

	2023 No.	2022 No.
	44	46

One (2022: one) employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Key management personnel

Key management personnel within the charitable company is defined as the Head of Foundation.

The total cost of employment in respect of the key management personnel was £76,778 (including employer NIC and employer's pension contributions).

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2022	23,850	118,478	142,328
Additions	-	92,629	92,629
Disposals	-	(38,778)	(38,778)
At 31 August 2023	23,850	172,329	196,179
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2022	23,850	83,045	106,895
Charge for the year	-	30,502	30,502
Eliminated on disposals	-	(36,784)	(36,784)
At 31 August 2023	23,850	76,763	100,613
Net book amount			
At 31 August 2023	-	95,566	95,566
At 31 August 2022	-	35,433	35,433

Tangible Fixed Assets includes two assets held at under finance lease with a net book value of £503 (2022: £1,510). No additions nor disposals were made in relation to the finance leases in the year.

9 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	294,876	99,866
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	200,289	394,503
	495,165	494,369

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	22,028	9,907
Other taxation and social security	31,726	33,460
Other creditors	1,974	2,155
Accruals and deferred income	190,095	133,929
Obligations under finance leases	503	977
	246,326	180,428

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Obligations under finance leases	-	532

12 Obligations under finance lease

	2023 £	2022 £
Obligations under finance leases within one year	503	977
Obligations under finance leases due after more than one year	-	532
	503	1,509

13 Statement of funds

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	1,124,353	1,236,478	1,229,495	-	1,131,336
Restricted funds					
Restricted funds	181,688	798,407	741,286	-	238,809
Total funds	1,306,041	2,034,885	1,970,781	-	1,370,145

Restricted funds

The restricted income carried forward at 31 August 2023 is made up as follows:

	£
Head Office	5,179
NCS	-
PL Kicks	7,991
Grassroots	3,338
PL Primary Stars	3,246
Kinder	2,105
Wembley	2,059
Fans FC	46,427
EF Isolation	1,429
Memory Lane	2,600
WT Football	1,642
DKH Trust	-
AT Football	55,248
Empower W&G	23,616
Empower LGBT+	30,215
PL Inspires	4,002
Youth Services	49,712
	238,809

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,910	87,656	95,566	35,433
Current assets	284,059	1,236,846	1,520,905	1,451,568
Creditors due within one year	(53,160)	(193,166)	(246,326)	(180,428)
Creditors due after more than one year	-	-	-	(532)
	<u>238,809</u>	<u>1,131,336</u>	<u>1,370,145</u>	<u>1,306,041</u>

15 Related party transactions

The related parties, through their relationship as Trustees of the Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited, are:

Sheffield United Football Club Limited: The company made sales of £3,014 this year (2022: £8,250). The company incurred charges of £144,660 for accounting support and hire of facilities (2022: £73,181). £4,747 of historic sales ledger balances are subject to a bad debt provision. The Charitable company owed £6,240 to Sheffield United Football Club Limited and was owed £14,361 by the Club.

J B Doors Limited: The company made sales of £nil (2022: £6,111) for sponsorship of uniforms.

The related parties, through their relationship as employees of the Sheffield United Community Foundation Limited, are:

Sheffield Chamber of Commerce. The company incurred charges of £3,656 for patronage (2022: £nil)

Sheffield United Supporters Association: The company received donations of £87,347 (2022: £77,165). The company operates a payroll for SUSA and received £56,922 (2022: £71,126) for payroll and other costs relating to the SUSA Superdraw Lottery.

16 Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at 31 August 2023 or 31 August 2022.