

Charity Registration No. 1131238
Company Registration No. 06917207
(England and Wales)

**HACKNEY RUGBY
FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED**

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 May 2024

Hackney Rugby Football Club Limited

Legal and administrative information forming part of the Trustees' Report

Trustees	Thomas French
	Peter Heslin
	Lamees Idris
	Mary Impey
	Anthony Joseph
	Laurence Mills
	Carol Rossell
Secretary	Carol Rossell
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Report of the Trustees Year ended 31 May 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 May 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting for Charities", issued in March 2006.

Trustees

The Trustees, who are also Directors and the Secretary for the purpose of company law, who served the Company during the year, were as follows:

Anthony Joseph	Appointed 19 November 2013
Laurence Mills	Appointed 19 May 2023
Peter Heslin	Appointed 16 June 2023
Carol Rossell	Appointed 6 January 2024
Lamees Idris	Appointed 21 February 2024
Thomas French	Appointed 12 June 2024
Mary Impey	Appointed 12 June 2024
Veronica Malaszewski	Resigned 6 January 2024
Shaun Freeman	Resigned 12 June 2024

None of the Trustees received any remuneration from the charity during the current or prior years.

Structure, Governance and Management

Hackney Rugby Football Club Limited (HRFC) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, which was incorporated on 28 May 2009. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, adopted on 28 May 2009 and changed at the Annual General Meeting on 30 April 2014.

The Board of Trustees controls and manages the affairs of the charity including setting the strategic direction of the company. Trustees are given a short induction when they join HRFC, which involves interviews with the Chair and a number of the existing Trustees.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for risk management. The Board can confirm that the major risks to which HRFC is exposed have been reviewed and procedures established to manage the risks.

Major risks include:

- Injury to those playing rugby
- Failure to comply with regulations

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- Unavailability of playing grounds and training facilities

Principal Activities and Objectives

HRFC is a charity with the principal activity of providing coaching in the Hackney, Haringey and Islington areas at its home ground – Spring Hill, Hackney, E5 9BL to girls and boys of all age groups between Under 6 and Under 18 and 5 adult teams – 3 men's and 2 ladies team.

HRFC's objectives are:

- to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing opportunity and facilities for playing Rugby Union Football
- the provision of facilities for recreation in the interests of social welfare
- the advancement of education, particularly rugby coaching
- such other exclusively charitable purposes as the Trustees shall from time to time determine.

Achievements and Performance Review of the Year

Over the last year, the Junior side of the Club has grown significantly from 140 to almost 250 active players, mainly in the younger age groups U6 to U10. The Community Outreach Team, headed up by our Volunteer of the Year, Mary Impey and head coach Owain have done trojan work, visiting over 30 schools and youth clubs, and hosted multiple festivals. Thousands of kids got introduced to rugby for the first time.

Community spirit is evident in all the behind the scenes work on improvements to the Clubhouse and pitches. People have been incredibly generous with their time and expertise. The Senior side of the Club remained stable with two Mens' Senior teams and two Ladies' teams.

This year was the 50th anniversary of the first match between Hackney RFC & Suresnes RC. Traditionally it was between the Men's Seniors' teams. The fixture lapsed for a significant number of years, till our Chair AJ was working in Paris in 2014, and noticed Suresnes Council and Hackney Council were twinned. He reached out to the Club and met Phillipe who played in the inaugural fixture and Patrick. Their passion for rugby, natural warmth, bon homie and absolute dedication to the cause of their Clubs, has led to an immediate and lasting friendship. This friendship led to a match in 2019 between the U12s. COVID delayed the next fixture but the U14s returned to Paris in 2021. This fixture also involved the Councils in Hackney and Suresnes, at the invitation of both rugby Clubs. This has helped both widen and deepen the overall relationship and has been embraced enthusiastically by both councils. In 2023, the U15s from Suresnes came to Hackney along with a delegation from Suresnes Council. There were a series of events hosted by the Council in the Mayor's office.

This year the fixture was expanded considerably, and involved six Junior teams and the Gladies, with over 160 travelling. The welcome, generosity and warmth of our hosts, ensured the occasion was embraced by all. A spectacular day of rugby on Saturday where all seven teams played, with the Gladies match the main event. A lovely lunch beforehand and a party after. Kids still playing rugby at 9.30pm seven hours after their matches is a measure of the enthusiasm generated. Sunday started with a tour of Suresnes Vineyard in the hills of Suresnes with the most breathtaking views of Paris below. Suresnes Council hosted the occasion, including Wine tasting and local French food. We were brought on a tour of Versailles Palace in the afternoon, followed by a late-night boat tour of Paris in the Seine. The lighting of the Eiffel Tower was a real highlight. It was a fabulous tour leaving us with a host of memories to treasure and warm friendships made.

Anthony Joseph

Chair

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Plans for the Future

HRFC's objectives for the forthcoming financial year are as follows:

- Increase the number of children playing rugby with the club
- Increase the quality of coaching delivered to the children
- Secure funding for the short, medium and longer term

Our Thanks to

- Middlesex County RFU
- The RFU for their continued support
- Core
- Attic Self Storage
- BNP Paribas
- London Youth
- Our loyal and immensely hard-working team of volunteers, parents, coaches and children.

Get Involved

If you are interested in learning more about HRFC then visit our website www.hackneyrfc.co.uk

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Report of the Trustees
Year ended 31 May 2024

Financial Results

HRFC recorded a deficit for the year of £10,140 (2023: deficit £5,933). The deficit was in line with expectations.

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Board of Trustees ensures that HRFC meets its aims and objectives as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the surplus or deficit of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Board are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting policies 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 Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees on 13th February 2025

Anthony Joseph

Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hackney Rugby Football Club Ltd

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 May 2024, which are set out on the micro entity accounts.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am therefore qualified to undertake the examination by having the required experience as a book-keeper / accounts manager.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met.

Name: Tracy Lilburn

Address: 17 Tylers Close, Kings Langley, Herts WD4 9QA

Date: 11/02/2025

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Income and Expenditure Account Year ended 31 May 2024

		Year ended	Year ended
		31 May	31 May
		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Income from charitable activities	2	109,379	75,562
Direct charitable expenditure		(119,519)	(81,495)
Net charitable inflow / (outflow)		(10,140)	(5,933)
Interest receivable		-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) for the financial period		(10,140)	(5,933)
Fund balances carried forward at 31 May		87,213	97,353

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above, which are all from continuing activities. The notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activity Year ended 31 May 2024

		Year ended 31 May 2024	Year ended 31 May 2023
	Notes	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Charitable activities	2	109,379	75,562
Total incoming resources		109,379	75,562
Resources expended			
Charitable activities		(119,519)	(81,495)
Total resources expended	3	(119,519)	(81,495)
Net incoming / (outgoings) from activities		(10,140)	(5,933)
Fund balances brought forward		97,353	103,286
Fund balances carried forward at 31 May		87,213	97,353

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet As at 31 May 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current assets		
International Tickets	8,660	-
Gift aid recoverable	-	825
Cash at bank and in hand	78,553	96,528
	87,213	97,353
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Other creditors	-	-
	87,213	97,353
Net assets	87,213	97,353
Funds		
Unrestricted funds	87,213	97,353
	87,213	97,353
Members' funds	87,213	97,353

Audit exemption statements

- For the year ending 31 May 2024 the Company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.
- The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved and authorised to be issued by the Board of Trustees on 13th February 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Anthony Joseph

Trustee

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Notes and Accounting Policies Year ended 31 May 2024

1) Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” published in 2006 and applicable accounting standards. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

b) Grants and donations

Revenue grants and donations include all income receivable in the period. Where the income covers costs already incurred and are committed, but not yet received, this income has been accrued. The element of such grants and donations received for specific projects, which are not expended at the period end is carried forward as restricted funds.

c) Company status

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the charitable company include the parents or guardians of junior members. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charitable company.

d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category.

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2) Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Core activities</u>		
Membership income – Junior Club	22,765	11,876
Kit income – Junior Club	55	1,895
Membership income – Senior Club	23,909	15,466
Kit income – Senior Club	-	3,122
Ticket income – Junior Club	856	-
Ticket income – Senior Club	22,368	19,727
Social income – Senior Club	4,664	10,347
Tour income – Junior Club	4,171	-
<u>Donations – Junior Club</u>		
Middlesex County RFU Rugby United	14,219	-
RFU Rugby Football Development	5,500	875
Core	2,500	-
Attic Self Storage	1,500	-
BNP Paribas	1,500	-
London Youth	600	1,000
Other	250	151
Community Outreach	2,968	-
MCO Group Limited	-	4,000
6 Nations Donation	-	1,028

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Donations – Senior Club

Digital Topics Limited	-	4,000
Ferguson & Jarvis	-	1,000
John Grimmer	-	1,000
Other	1,554	75
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3) Charitable activities expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Training and coaching – Junior Club	550	4,580
Training and coaching – Senior Club	17,844	13,962
Community Outreach	16,534	-
Pitch fees and gym hire – Junior Club	3,654	2,027
Pitch and gym hire – Senior Club	5,856	15,465
Clubhouse and Facilities Management	26,514	-
Technology / Systems	2,954	-
Equipment Junior club	12,676	3,713
Kit – Junior Club	-	126
Kit – Senior Club	2,143	1,262
Food (net) – Junior Club	(7,665)	(2,040)
Food (net) – Senior Club	2,345	872
Tickets – Junior Club	6,338	-
Tickets – Senior Club	13,556	19,171
Rugby festival and tournament fees	1,010	-
Social costs – Senior Club	-	9,846
Tour costs – Junior Club	7,094	-
Transportation – Senior Club	2,380	1,665
Other expenditure – Junior Club	-	5,260
Other expenditure – Senior Club	5,736	5,586
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	119,519	81,495
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4) Employees

There were no employees and no emoluments were paid to the Trustees during the year. The club is run by a team of hard-working volunteers, parents, coaches and children. This includes a number of professional coaches who are paid on a session-by-session basis to coach players and generally support the club's activities.

5) Financial commitments

At the balance sheet date the Company had no capital commitments.

6) Trustee Expenses

At the balance sheet date the Company had no capital commitments.

Amount	Number of Trustees	Nature of Expenses
£2,491	2	Multiple category expenses – food and travel reimbursement