

BEDWELL RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1131242

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF STEVENAGE (AND THE SURROUNDING AREA) HERTFORDSHIRE, BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PLAYING FOOTBALL

Activities: Provision of football activities within Stevenage and surrounding area

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STEVENAGE (AND THE SURROUNDING AREA) HERTFORDSHIRE,
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£139,750	£145,845	-	-
2024-05-31	£142,862	£127,395	-	-
2023-05-31	£160,820	£154,395	-	-
2022-05-31	£94,177	£116,624	-	-
2021-05-31	£99,363	£70,502	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NEIL FINCH	Chair	2013-09-24
Adam Compton		2025-06-16
Anthony Lanni		2025-06-16
Christopher Budden		2022-10-19
Garry Worton		2022-06-13
Glen Storey		2022-06-13
Joga Shoker		2024-06-19
Jon Pace		2019-02-28
Stephen Partington		2025-06-16
Warren Kennedy		2019-02-28

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Accounts



2024/25 Annual Report of the Trustees for the charity known as Bedwell Rangers Football Club

Trustees

Neil Finch - Chair

Gary Dempsey

Nicola George

Anna Williams

Tinotenda Chatindo

Jon Pace

Warren Kennedy

Glen Storey

Garry Worton

Chris Budden

Joga Shoker

Chairman's Report - Neil Finch

At the end of another season it's fitting to recognise all those who make it possible for a club the size of Bedwell Rangers to function and provide such an important resource to so many people in our community.

We have a great group of trustees who are committed and professional in everything they do. Without the vital roles they perform behind the scenes so well there would be no club. I'd like to give a special mention to Anna who took on the essential role of Club Secretary at the beginning of the season and has quietly and efficiently made a seamless transition.

A huge thank you to all the team officials associated with the club; their selfless dedication to their teams is so often underestimated as is the long term effect they have on the young people under their care. I know they get huge satisfaction and enjoyment from what they do but that doesn't mean everyone shouldn't appreciate the time and effort they put into doing the very best they can.

In many ways this was a very challenging season. The match day behaviour of adults who should know better is a problem that doesn't appear to be going away and if anything we had more issues this season than in previous seasons. Thankfully, the vast majority of poor behaviour was from opposition coaches and parents but in any case it results in us having to deal with negative things when our time would be much better spent providing positive outcomes for the young people that we are here for.

Another ongoing concern, again related to adults, is the unrealistic and unbeneficial expectations placed on children, particularly regarding ability and results. We want all our teams to be as competitive as they can possibly be when they reach the age when competitive football begins. Until then we must start educating coaches, parents and players that development and enjoyment is the main priority. Even at the younger age groups results can of course be an indication of progress and improvement but this should not be at the cost of not developing good all round players. If we prioritise the development of players then good results will naturally follow, even at the younger ages.

It has also been concerning to see a growing number of young players being moved from team to team, often to so-called elite teams that sell themselves as academy's, in pursuit of unrealistic goals. Too often, parents overestimate their child's abilities, leading to decisions that ultimately hinder enjoyment and long-term participation in the game. While we absolutely support players moving on when it aligns with their development and ability, the trend of very young players moving on prematurely is troubling. We often hear stories of regret from those who have left Bedwell Rangers, only to find the experience less enjoyable elsewhere, or worse, to see the child lose interest in the game altogether.

Going forward one of our biggest challenges is going to be the rising costs of doing what we do and maintaining our ethos of keeping our fees as low as possible so football is affordable for everyone. The partnership we have agreed with The St John Henry Newman School for the use of the brand new 3g pitch will allow us to provide a better facility for many of our teams but we must use this as an opportunity to improve our offer to the community and try and bring new blood into the club.

Fundraising is another area that needs renewed focus. This past year has been particularly difficult, and if we cannot improve our fundraising efforts and increase participation, the modest 10% fee increase proposed for next season (despite expecting this to result in a significant

loss) will not be sustainable and a much larger increase will be necessary in the following year. With all the challenges we have faced and will face in the future it should never overshadow what an amazing football club we are all part of. Whenever I am at meetings, training sessions or matches, either working with or watching all the fantastic people involved I have immense pride and admiration in Bedwell Rangers. If you take a step back and just watch you will see that the smiles and the joy on the faces of the players, parents and official far outweigh anything negative that we may encounter.

I can't finish without mentioning a couple of people who are stepping away from their roles and will be a huge loss to the club and to me personally. Nicky George became a trustee the same year I became Chairman and very soon agreed to become the Vice Chair. Nicky has always been a voice of reason, someone I could ask for advice, run my thoughts by or turn to for an opinion. The best thing about working with Nicky was that even if we disagreed it always felt as though the others opinion was respected and whatever way we decided to go once the decision was made it was fully supported. Nicky, has spent several years as the Club Welfare Officer and has also been involved in pretty much every club activity, event and function since she arrived. Nicky will remain involved and is going to take on the role of Junior Coach Coordinator; Nicky founded the current Junior Coaches programme and I know she is keen to drive it forward into bigger and better things,

Gary Dempsey is Bedwell Rangers. I think it's fair to say that if it wasn't for Gary it's likely there would be no Bedwell Rangers and the club would have gone the way of many other of the towns historic grassroots football clubs and disappeared. Taking over as Chairman from Gary seven years ago, following his recommendation, was a huge honour for me and even bigger shoes to fill. Since then as well as performing the dual roles of Treasurer and Registration Officer, Gary has continued to oversee everything that goes on at the club. Gary will forever be one of, if not the, most important person in the history of the football club.

Looking forward to next season I'm excited at the prospect of having some new trustees come on board and I personally intend to have renewed drive to take the club forward.

To everyone who has contributed to another year at Bedwell Rangers; thank you. Have a great summer and come back ready to continue making a difference in the lives of the amazing young people at the club.

Club Secretary Report - Anna Williams

I would like to start by thanking the Trustees, coaches and parent volunteers for all their hard work over the last year and also the children who come along to play football and have fun which is why we all do what we do.

I would like to say thank you to everyone for all the support and patience with me as it was my first season in this at the Club, and I am still learning and finding my feet. Special thanks to all the Trustees who did help me a lot and made me feel welcomed.

We have started the season with over 50 teams and over 600 registered players. Mid-season we launched 3 new teams (U7 Girls Phoenix, U7 Boys Ice and U10 Girls Gruffalos). Unfortunately we have also lost a few teams which folded at the end of season (U11 Frankfurt, u11 Leipzig, u12 Dragons and U18 Amazons) with a couple more teams still at risk of folding.

During the autumn/winter months there was spell of the really bad weather (wet/windy) which resulted in many games not being fulfilled or postponed. When the weather settled the season was already approaching the end.

We have a few success stories with our U14 girls Dragons winning their League Cup, U9 Braga, U14 Roma and U18 Jaguars reaching Cup Finals and many more...

Season was challenging, not only for me. There were many behavioural issues, not only happening at the pitches but also at the side-lines. We have incurred a few poor practice concerns from FA, one misconduct charge for unacceptable parental behaviour, 4 send offs, 44 yellow cards including 2 yellow cards for the coaches. This is a record number of cautions in a club long history.

We picked a few fines for the club from leagues for not following the league instructions mainly not filling KO times on time or not returning MCF forms, and mainly from MidHerts though we had only 5 teams in the league. I will start affiliate teams soon so if there are any changes in intentions which I am not aware of yet, please e-mail me or send me a message on Whatsapp.

Thanks again for this season and good luck for the next.

CLUB WELFARE OFFICER REPORT - Nicky George

This report comes with mixed emotions as it will be my last one as a trustee and CWO of Bedwell Rangers FC. Because of this, I dug out my very first AGM report from 2019 to reflect on the role...

In fairness, it is a very similar picture! I did talk about behaviour back then and it is still front and centre now. It is a hugely critical area to Herts FA as well and sometimes the sidelines are not a pleasant place to be – and this is me talking as an adult. Consider how a child feels. We all have a huge responsibility to maintain our standards. No one is perfect, but sadly We've had a number of issues this year from the sidelines, but also, from our officials. A critical role for the CWO is to ensure that we have qualified volunteers. We all sign up to codes of practice. We all go on the safeguarding course. Majority of us have completed our Introduction to Coaching. Every training session mentions how we conduct ourselves in front of children. All that I ask is that you continue to focus on this. It is the worst job for us as trustees to challenge or investigate our officials.

I've mentioned qualifications. This has changed significantly over the years, where before, you needed a simple DBS and off you went! Now you need DBS, Safeguarding and First Aid, along with at least one person with a Level 1 qualification. Sometimes I wonder if the FA enjoy making it harder for us to find volunteers, but ultimately, it does mean that the quality of the training we give the children is much better, so I thank each of you who have got the qualifications. I'm aware that the trustees hope to support our volunteers further with this development of our Coaches.

A huge part of the role is the DBS verifications. I did a bit of research and I reckon I've completed just under 500 DBS applications in my tenure. At one point, it was my favourite part of the job as it meant I got to meet everyone, but with one year completing 89 DBS's the

novelty wore off! However, as of 3rd June, this all changes and it all goes through with self verification. New guidance to follow, but it takes the heat off a very manual process for the new CWO.

Once again, we have achieved 3 star accreditation. So when we are chasing you for things, this is why. A super important achievement with the FA and opens the door to certain initiatives, such as the Thriving Clubs programme. This has been lead, once again by Graham Storey. Thank you Graham.

I'd like to thank all the trustees for their support, I've worked with some fabulous people who I respect hugely. However, I did want to give a particular shout out to Neil. Dedicated to Bedwell to the core... few people realise how much he does for this club, but for me, he was my constant sounding board, voice of reason and now lifelong friend. Please give him your support, he's going to be lost without me.

I'm not completely disappearing. I'll still coach my son's team and will be focussing on the junior coaches to see if we can formalise how we develop our young coaches. My final sign off with a big shout out to our volunteers. You are brilliant and the impact you have on our community is nothing short of fabulous.

We couldn't do it without you. THANK YOU.

Media and Brand Officer – Jon Pace

It's been an interesting season. As a club, we decided that there was scope to make this role, and hopefully it has been worthwhile. It's been a three-pronged role this year, trying to improve communication internally within the club, increasing our exposure outside the club via both social media and local newspapers, and looking for products that help raise the profile of the club.

Internally, we have tried to press home how to make contact with officials, but on top of this, we've tried to make contacting opposition teams with venue details easier with Infographics that give all the relevant venue details and rules. This is something we want to take further and have a central hub with all relevant details in, but this is a time-consuming piece of work.

We have also tried to liaise more with our coaches, with Q and A sessions, and questionnaires. It's a hard job to balance 120+ coaches who all have different and quite often contradicting ideas, but hopefully now they realise that their voice is important to us. Externally, we have managed to get a couple of stories in the local newspaper, and we are continuing to try and put more content on social media. Again, there are constraints as to what we can post, but it's always good when we get parents and coaches working together on this.

We've also continued to branch out into Bedwell Rangers Merchandise. We have produced umbrellas, bobble hats, key rings, and towels in recent years, and have now added 'grip' socks to our range, which seems to be a universally popular idea. Trying to find trends like this where we can bring money into the club, whilst still providing goods to our members cheaper than they can buy on the open market, is key as it promotes the club in a positive light and gives our players and supporters value for money.

On a personal note, I would like to thank both Gary Dempsey and Nicky George for the years of service they have put into the club in their various roles. From firsthand experience, I know the positive influence they've had on the club.

Head of Girl's – Tinotenda Chatindo

This season has been a valuable learning experience for me as Head of the Girls Team, and overall, I'm pleased to say it's been a good year for the girls' section.

At the beginning of the season, I made a real effort to attend the first training sessions for as many teams as possible. It was important to me to get to know the coaches, players, and parents early on and to understand each team's dynamics from the outset. It was a great opportunity to show support and to build relationships that I hope will continue to grow.

One area I've been particularly able to assist in has been referee support. I've helped source referees when needed, and I hope to continue doing this into the next season to make sure our games are well-managed and fair for all involved.

Like every season, we've had a few blips along the way. There were a few issues within some of the girls' teams, but I've spoken directly with the coaches and tried to provide help and support in resolving these matters in a peaceful and constructive way. I want to thank the coaches for their patience and willingness to work through these challenges together.

As this is my first year in the role, I'm still learning. I continue to lean on fellow trustees and especially Neil for their guidance and support. Their input has been invaluable, and I'm hoping to build on what I've learned this year so that I can offer even more help and leadership in the next season.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the players for their enthusiasm, hard work, and commitment throughout the season. To the parents, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and involvement, it truly makes a difference to the success and enjoyment of our teams.

To summarise, it's been a positive year overall. The girls' section continues to grow and thrive, and I'm proud of the dedication shown by everyone involved; coaches, parents, players, and volunteers. With continued collaboration and support, I'm confident that next season will be even stronger.

Kit and Equipment Officer – Warren Kennedy

Another exciting season has come to a close.

KIT:

The club have agreed to extend our agreement with www.kcsportsteamwear.co.uk to supply us kits via Umbro.

We are currently in a good state with all shirts/shorts and socks in the hands of Bedwell Rangers FC to virtually complete all new and replacement team kits.

Please note, all players kits and official kits must only be ordered via myself and no direct orders will be honoured by KC Sports.

EQUIPMENT:

We have selected to use one equipment supplier www.networldsports.co.uk which offers us extremely good

terms and a constant supplier of stocked items. This agreement will stay in place for the foreseeable future.

Treasurers Report - Gary Dempsey

Once again an extremely busy season and managing an extremely busy job and family life has been challenging. Again, my thanks go to all trustees for ensuring that I have the correct documentation to pay all invoices. Special thanks goes to Sharon who ensures that referee fees are checked and then Sharon checks all my errors before we complete our payments.

Last years budget forecast a deficit of £17.5K. However, we managed to fulfill all of our obligations and ensure that all kit was kept up to the high standards set by our kit officer, Warren Kennedy.

Whilst setting a budget for 2025-26 the trustees expect that we will use up to £20K in reserves in the coming season and to ensure that we keep our losses to an absolute minimum we will have to increase subscriptions across the board by 10% for all teams.

The club has run no social events this year, running such events is a fundamental part of the success of the club. Events, are designed to be affordable, fun and brings families together. We seem to have lost one of the key building blocks of the club. The trustees must be supported when an event is being run. We would normally bring in £5K a year in funds. This year it had been less than £300.

Fines – This season has seen a dramatic increase in players fines. The club rule is simply, if a player, manager or spectator incurs an FA fine they have to pay it. This season we received 48 FA fines. One of which related to a serious FA charge for an U7 team!

Going forward I understand more teams want to join the Mid Herts League. This league will fine a squad for the most trivial of reasons and we were fined a total of £320. Every single fine was avoidable and managers need to accept their responsibility to the league and ensure results are submitted on time, matches are confirmed, referees are notified and teams must turn up to games. All fines take time to process, we don't have time to process the fines, it is unfair and we are unpaid volunteers doing massive amounts of admin.

Bedwell Rangers Football Club - Charity number 1131242
Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement
1st June 2024- 31st May 2025

2023-2024		2024-2025
	Income	
37,751.15	Membership Fees	37,227.26
70,109.29	Playing & Training Income	69,136.34
4,724.00	Sponsorship	5,543.00
467.80	Misc Income	705.73
5,812.59	Gift Aid	6,354.55
382.00	Fines Repaid	851.00
225.00	Donations	2,344.77
0.00	Grants	0.00
1,605.00	Pay to play	0.00
1,580.50	Presentation Income	3,564.42
1,147.50	Kit Sales	1,402.51
2,962.65	Warm Jacket fund	3,779.40
4,550.00	Gravity	4,350.16
2,060.24	Team Fundraising	2,267.41
8,975.43	Club Fundraising	1,101.19
0.00	Merchandise	666.59
143.80	Petty Cash	0.00
365.52	Bank Interest	455.92
142,862.47	Total Income	139,750.25
	Expenditure	
1,069.04	Administration	1,714.84
551.00	Courses	0.00
0.00	Team FA Coaching Badge	2,100.00
2,450.00	CRB/First Aid/Safe	2,680.00
21,834.51	Club kit	17,357.30
3,107.53	Officials Kit	6,169.93
0.00	Club Insurance (inc Trustees)	0.00
3.69	Registration Admin	0.00
1,250.00	Coaches Portal	0.00
5,996.00	League Registrations	5,894.00
36,261.77	Sub-total Administration costs	35,916.07
4,276.43	Sponsorship Expenditure	6,393.70
6,115.27	Presentation Day	7,541.26
2,855.35	Club Equipment	3,286.78
933.50	Fines	1,300.00
52,035.19	School Hire Fees	66,759.83
2,570.70	Council Pitch Fees	1,563.42
8,647.50	Referees Fees	8,400.25
275.00	Misc Expenditure	1,185.38
4,523.01	Gravity	5,016.00
3,520.74	Warm Jacket Project	1,624.50

310.00	Registration refunds	1,271.08
0.00	Merchandise	1664.83
1,230.74	Team Fundraising	3,050.63
3,839.38	Club fundraising	871.07
127,394.58	Total Expenditure	145,844.80
£15,467.89	Net Income/Expenditure	-£6,094.55

Bedwell Rangers Football Club - Charity number 1131242
Consolidated Balance Sheet
1st June 2024- 31st May 2025

2023-24		2024-25
£	General Funds	£
54,547.04	Opening Balance b/f	68,540.06
13,993.02	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 5,997.37
68,540.06	Closing balance	62,542.69
	Club Savings Account	
30,360.41	Opening Balance b/f	30,725.93
365.52	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	455.92
30,725.93	Closing balance	31,181.85
	Club Fund Raising Account	
418.31	Opening Balance b/f	554.36
5,136.05	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	305.12
(5,000.00)	Transfer to General funds	
	Transfer to Team Fundraising	
554.36	Closing balance	859.48
	Team Fund Raising Account	
1,791.99	Opening Balance b/f	2,621.49
829.50	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-£783.22
	Transfer to Club Fund Raising	
2,621.49	Closing balance	1,838.27
	Petty Cash	
196.20	Opening Balance b/f	340.00
143.80	Movement in year	-£75.00
340.00	Closing balance	265.00
	Being	
68,540.06	Current Account	62,542.69
30,725.93	Savings Account	31,181.85
		-
99,265.99		93,724.54
2621.49	Team Fundraising A/C	1,838.27
554.36	Club Fundraising A/C	£859.48
340	Club Fundraising Petty Cash	265.00
102,781.84	Total Funds Available	96,687.29

As with all seasons setting a budget for next season has not been easy.

Income	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
Registrations Income	£106,000.00	£115,000.00
Sponsorship	£6,000.00	£6,000.00
Misc Income	£500.00	£500.00
Gift Aid	£6,000.00	£7,000.00
Fines Repaid*	£750.00	
Donations	£1,000.00	
Grants	£1,000.00	£1,500.00
Club Fundraising	£5,000.00	£2,500.00
Pay to play	£3,000.00	
Presentation	£2,000.00	£1,500.00
Kit Sales	£500.00	£500.00
Warm Jacket fund	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Merchandise		£3,500.00
	£133,750.00	£140,000.00
Expenditure	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
Administration	£1,500.00	£1,750.00
Garage		£300.00
Courses	£500.00	
DBS/First Aid/Safe	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Equipment - Club	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
General Kit	£17,000.00	£18,000.00
Sponsorship Kit	£4,000.00	£5,000.00
Managers Kit	£4,000.00	£6,000.00
League Fines	£1,000.00	£500.00
Insurance - trustees	£1,000.00	£250.00
League Registrations	£7,000.00	£7,000.00
SBC Pitch Fees	£8,000.00	£8,000.00
School Pitch		
Fees/Training	£68,000.00	£75,212.00
Presentation Events	£9,000.00	£7,000.00
Referees Fees	£12,000.00	£9,500.00
Misc Expenditure	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
FA coaching courses	£5,000.00	£3,000.00
Warm Jacket Project	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Merchandice	£3,000.00	£2,000.00
Gravity		£1,000.00
JHN Commitment		£5,000.00
	£151,000.00	£159,512.00
Deficit		£19,512.00

*2025-26 Fines income is shown as £0 because players would repay all their fines, so the cost of players fines and re-charges =£0. The club has a strict policy that players who do not pay are suspended.

AGM – Sponsorship Officer Report

June 2025

Another exciting season has ended which saw Bedwell Rangers FC sponsorship partners continue to support.

We exit 2024/25 season with a total of 27 active sponsors.

It should be noted that the entire club benefits from any sponsorship support received and not just the team carrying the sponsors logo; therefore, if you are a manager of a squad that is unsponsored, I urge you to assign yourself a goal of identifying and obtaining a sponsor (2 or 3 years) for the coming season. It should be the collective goal of the entire club to have all teams/squads at least assigned to a single sponsor.

Enjoy the summer, and please ensure that any interested party who are looking to support and sponsor a real grass root team are directed for my attention.

Best Regards

Sponsorship Officer - Chris Budden

Teams Currently Sponsored

Team Name	Team Roles	Name	Sponsors
Bedwell Rangers Youth U7 Dragons	Team Manager	Neil Finch	CGI
	Team Coach	Aaron Hattam	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U7 Phoenix	Team Manager	Neil Finch	CGI
	Team Coach	Aaron Hattam	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U8 Dragons	Team Manager	Robbie-James Freeman	Molly Maid
Bedwell Rangers Youth U9 Braga	Team Coach	Eddie McLoughlin	ACA Solutions
	Assistant Team Coach	Stephen Partington	
	Team Manager	Ryan Ellis	
	Assistant Team Coach	Daniel Boon	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U9 Boavista	Team Manager	Stephen Partington	Heritage Renovating Services Ltd
Bedwell Rangers Youth U10 Bulls	Team Manager	Kennie Yates	Westminster Maintenance / EKS Builders
	Assistant Team Coach	Francesco Maria La Cara	

Bedwell Rangers Youth U10 Phoenix	Assistant Team Coach	Tanaka Chitate	Poly Pipes
	Assistant Team Coach	jason Smith	
	Team Manager	Derek Fieldsend	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U10 Sporting	Team Manager	Jason Lorenzo- Franco	Removals and Storage
	Assistant Team Coach	Rob Mahoney	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U10 Fire	Team Coach	Rob Cunnane	Multimessage
	Team Manager		
	Assistant Team Coach	Chris Bacchus	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U11 Phoenix	Assistant Team Coach	George Bradshaw	LS Fabrications
	Assistant Team Coach	Claire Backhouse	
	Team Manager	Christopher Gates	
	Team Secretary		
Bedwell Rangers Youth U11 Dortmund	Assistant Team Coach	Jon Pace	KM4HR Recruitment Solutions
	Team Secretary		
	Assistant Team Coach	James French	
	Team Manager	Grace Waygood	
	Assistant Team Coach	Ciaran McAneny	
	Assistant Team Coach	Kris McMahon	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U11 Munich	Assistant Team Coach	Shane McGuire	Herts Metal Recycling
	Team Manager	Owen Rees	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U11 Dragons	Assistant Team Coach	Alexander Yates	LS Fabrications
	Team Manager		
	Assistant Team Coach	Kristopher Satchell	
	Team Manager	Richard Edwards	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U12 Napoli	Team Manager	Lee Dinsey	Ricky Marshall
	Team Coach	Tom Bradshaw	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U12 Juventus	Assistant Team Coach	Chris Baker	AFS Drains
	Team Manager	Stuart Giddens	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U12 Dragons	Assistant Team Coach	Amanda Coates	Siobhan's Hair & Beauty
	Team Manager	James Anderson	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U12 Devils Reds	Team Manager	Fred Simpson	Taylor Wimpey
	Assistant Team Coach	Michael Cooper	

	Assistant Team Coach	David Gosnell	
	Team Coach	Emma Gosnell	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U13 Palmeiras	Team Manager	Adam Compton	The Bombay
	Team Coach	Stephen Brewer	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U13 Boas	Assistant Team Coach	Aimee Richards	Bellway Homes
	Team Manager	Justin Brown	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U13 Cruzeiro	Team Coach	Lloyd McTigue	KC Sports
	Team Coach	Paul Manning	
	Team Manager	Aaron George	
	Assistant Team Coach	Nicola George	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U14 Torino	Assistant Team Coach	Andrew Black	Royal Mail
	Team Manager	Gary Cuthbert	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U14 Dragons	Team Secretary	Stuart Morrison	Stevenage Community Trust
	Team Manager		
Bedwell Rangers Youth U14 Roma	Team Secretary	Garry Worton	CWU - Communication Workers Union
	Team Manager		
	Assistant Team Coach	Evangelina Vigar	
	Assistant Team Coach	Steven Birchenough	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U14 Phoenix	Assistant Team Coach	Daniel Coone	Butler Residential
	Team Manager	Gary Young	
	Team Coach	Lori Fekete	
	Team Coach	Simon Way	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U15 Juve	Assistant Team Coach	Raymond Hewitt	Painters Handyman Services
	Team Manager	Jason Caplen	
	Assistant Team Coach	Alan Smith	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U16 Albion	Team official	Graham storey	Truck Care
	Assistant Team Coach	Michael Wenn	
	Team Manager	Glen Storey	
Bedwell Rangers Youth U18 Jaguars	Team Manager	Christopher Budden	True Potential
	Assistant Team Coach	Robert Beasley	
	Team Secretary	Barry Vigar	Jardak Services Ltd
	Team Manager		

Bedwell Rangers Youth U18 Amazons	Assistant Team Coach	Mark Woodward	
	Assistant Team Coach	Stuart Manning	

Sponsorship Offer 2 Year

- £695 for 2 seasons paid in one instalment
- You are providing sponsorship for the Bedwell Rangers FC as a whole and will be allocated a team
- Logo on home and away shirts
- Sponsorship announced via email to all club members - approx. 675
- Sponsorship announced on club website
- Sponsorship announced on club's social media platforms; Twitter 1100+ followers, Facebook 1000+ followers, Instagram 600+ followers
- Sponsors logo permanently in the club's sponsors 'story' on the club's Instagram homepage
- Tagged in on posts about the sponsored team
- Logo with link on sponsors page and team page on the club website
- Sponsors logo in monthly/bi-monthly newsletter emailed to all members with opportunity to advertise member offers etc.
- Logo in club's end of season presentation programme
- Framed photograph of sponsored team
- Sponsored team receive club sweatshirts
- Logo printing and club sweatshirts are provided as part of the sponsorship payment
- Additional sponsorship opportunities at club events

Sponsorship Offer 3 Year

- £950 for 3 seasons paid in one instalment (designed for new kit issues)
- You are providing sponsorship for the Bedwell Rangers FC as a whole and will be allocated a team
- Logo on home and away shirts
- Sponsorship announced via email to all club members - approx. 675
- Sponsorship announced on club website
- Sponsorship announced on club's social media platforms; Twitter 1100+ followers, Facebook 1000+ followers, Instagram 600+ followers
- Sponsors logo permanently in the club's sponsors 'story' on the club's Instagram homepage
- Tagged in on posts about the sponsored team
- Logo with link on sponsors page and team page on the club website
- Sponsors logo in monthly/bi-monthly newsletter emailed to all members with opportunity to advertise member offers etc.
- Logo in club's end of season presentation programme
- Framed photograph of sponsored team
- Sponsored team receive club sweatshirts
- Logo printing and club sweatshirts are provided as part of the sponsorship payment
- Additional sponsorship opportunities at club events

Sponsorship Benefits to The Sponsor

Brand Visibility & Marketing

- Increased Local Recognition – Your brand is prominently displayed on team kits.
- Social Media Exposure – The team's social media posts can feature your company, increasing online visibility.
- Community Engagement – Builds goodwill and a positive reputation within the local community.
- PR Opportunities – Sponsoring a charitable team can be highlighted in press releases, newspapers, and local news.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

- Demonstrating Community Support – Shows the company's commitment to giving back to the community.
- Supporting Youth & Sports Development – Encourages healthy lifestyles and personal development for young players.
- Enhancing Employee Morale – Employees may feel proud to work for a company that supports charitable causes.

Networking & Business Growth

- Access to New Customers – Engages with fans, parents, and other sponsors who may become potential customers.
- B2B Opportunities – Connects with other local businesses that support or attend matches or events.
- Event Sponsorship & Hospitality – Opportunity to sponsor charity matches, tournaments, and fundraising events.

Financial & Tax Benefits

- Tax Deductible – Sponsorship may be Corporation Tax deductible.
- Cost Effective Marketing – Compared to traditional advertising, sponsorship can offer a high ROI for local brand awareness.

Minutes Secretary – Joga Shoker

This has been my first year as part of Bedwell rangers, and being the minutes secretary for Bedwell Rangers Football Club has been an incredibly rewarding experience, far more enjoyable than I ever anticipated. From the very first meeting, I've found a real sense of purpose in contributing to the smooth running of a club that means so much to the community. It's not just about jotting down notes; it's about capturing the essence of our discussions, ensuring every voice is heard, and seeing our plans come to fruition on the pitch and behind the scenes. The camaraderie among the committee members, the coaches, and the parents has made every session a pleasure, transforming what could be a chore into a genuinely fulfilling part of my role.

What I've really enjoyed connecting to the club's journey and its successes, big or small. Whether it's seeing new equipment purchased, fundraising targets smashed, or the teams celebrating victories, knowing I played a small part in documenting those moments of progress is incredibly satisfying. It's a privilege to be part of such a passionate group dedicated to fostering a love for football in our young players, and I genuinely look forward to continuing my contributions.

Fixtures and Pitch Co-Ordinator – Garry Worton

I would like to start with a thanks to all Managers/Coaches who over the course of the season have been fantastic in their understanding. The engagement with all coaches around weekend matches has worked well where we have setup WhatsApp groups which enable them to organize anything from picking up keys to open and closing facilities.

I would like to think in terms of the weather conditions we suffered during the 2023/24 season, the current season has been more straight forward, and teams have not had too much disruption to their schedules.

Council Pitches

During the later stages of the current season, we started to use the council parks more. But like last season this was not straight forward. Where we had hoped to continue using an online portal to make such bookings which was allot easier, we went back to having to request fixtures by email and then awaiting confirmation. The council have not helped where they will not open any pavilions which would enable teams to use the changing rooms and toilets at the parks, and where teams need to continue to provide any supporting equipment. This is something we have now registered a compliant with.

Everyone Active and the council.

Coming to the end of the season we did have a few home fixtures arranged where unfortunately due to the formats we needed to make use of the parks, and this required the club to purchase more nets. This will help us come the new season should we encounter any issues with any of our current venues. In the last few days in starting to prepare for the new season I have been informed by Everyone Active that Meadway park will be rested next season. This will mean that throughout Stevenage there will be only 3 parks available for all teams which will be Ridlins/ Shelphalbury and Peartree.

Partner Schools

The biggest challenge in organizing pitches across our partner venues at schools is the accessibility to Senior pitches. We still only have the one senior pitch at Marriotts which on certain weekends could have several teams using it. This is something we do need to look at addressing moving forward.

The engagement with all our partner schools has worked well and we would like to say a big thanks to them all. Our relationship with Marriotts/ Noble/ Giles/ Woolenwick/Round Diamond and Barclays is especially important for the club. We need to always remember that we need to respect this partnership with the schools as without their support our roles would be very difficult.

All teams will see over the summer the nets at Marriotts, Nobel being replaced, and we are working closely especially with Marriotts on keeping the maintenance across the pitches and equipment at a higher standard. This will see all rear bars and pegs replaced. We are also looking to purchase a storage container which we will be for our sole use to store equipment. In addition, the club have informed Marriotts about important repairs which are needed to any of the goal areas on specific pitches.

Summary

Looking forward to the upcoming season we are on the look out to not only strengthen these relationships with the schools but also look at widening the number of facilities we use. The future especially looks bright we use going into partnership with John Henry Newman school where under the agreement in the new season we will have use of their new 3G pitch during one weekday and weekends. More details on when the facilities will start to become available will follow.

Glen Storey - Social Secretary

The below information is a summary on the fundraising and events throughout the 2024/25

2024 September 14th - Band Night.

Unfortunately, this event was cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

November 2nd – Halloween party

Halloween parties in previous years have been a great success and this once one was no different. With Bedwell players up to U11's invited to come along and participate in with the Halloween games, activities and celebrations. Another perfect opportunity for the younger Bedwell teams to come together during an afternoon. With refreshments all added to the atmosphere, this event was packed full as the kids and adults joined in on the fun, and the pictures and feedback was amazing. This event generated valuable funds into the club, but we also raised an amazing £160.41 for the Antibullying alliance.

December 1st – Santa Walk - unfortunately this event was cancelled due to low numbers registering to take part.

December 16th – Bouncing back to Gravity for another year of fun for all the players of Bedwell, a club favourite event. This is an opportunity to get together prior to the Christmas back. Despite slightly lower number attending than previous year, the event well attended, and the players have an amazing time unleashing energy bouncing with teammates and other teams in Bedwell. The hotdogs and fizzy pop also seem to be a winning snack cooling off after each session.

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June 7th – Presentation Awards day

With Nobel school hosting our Presentation Day for a third year, it was another great successful event. Great to see teams receiving their medals and trophies following the season activities. Well done to everyone that contributed to the planning, set up, and to the coaches, players and parent for there participation through the day.

The feel of the day is creating space an environment to allow coaches, players, parents and supporters of the club to celebration the season and purchase club Merchandise, food and drink, take pictures and enjoy the outdoor area before and after their award sessions. This event generated funds into the club fundraising pot, which was well received by the club, and we appreciated everyone's support and contribution who attended on the day.

It's fair to say that this season fundraising has not been as successful as previous years. There are a number of contributing factors, venue availability volunteer to support, but the main points are, we reached out to the wider club to ask what types of events people would attend and unfortunately both those events were cancelled due to poor attendance. This is disappointing, but we encourage to provide variety whilst host our traditional events we know are well attended and support the club

With the ever-increasing running costs the club are dealing with, it makes it so important that we maximise efforts across the whole club to keep our fees as competitive as possible. Your support in communicating our events and encouraging attendance is essential.

We are looking forward to the nest season events already and two keys date so far are the 13th September and 15th November, these will for a quiz night and race night, so please watch out for further communication on this in the coming weeks.

We also several independent donations, gifts and prizes from individuals, companies, and our sponsors. All contributing to these events throughout the year. We thank everyone for this continued support to the club. In addition, our gift aid fund has made a difference, but we can still do more on this front. I would urge all our officials to encourage anyone registering with the club to select, as this additional contribution will be amazing.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Bedwells fundraising activities and events over the past year. From those organising or attending your support, enthusiasm and dedication has contributed to the club. As always, if you or know anyone that is interested in supporting any of the fund-raising events or have any suggestions for events. please contact myself or any trustee.

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees and members of Bedwell Rangers Football Club – Charity Number 1131242 for the year ended 31 May 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of officers and examiners

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts to ensure that they have been prepared in accordance with general accounting principles and to state whether any matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club 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 officers 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Neil Heyes FCA
Independent Examiner
Rayner Essex
Chartered Accountants
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Date 06 March 2026

BEDWELL RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1131242

Accounts

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Charity Information

Charity Name -

Bedwell Rangers Football Club

Charity Number -

1131

Website Address -

<https://www.bedwellrangersfc.com/>

Public Address -

67 Wetherley Road, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1S

Trustees

Neil (Chair)
Gary D. Posey
Nicola George
Sharon McMan
Jon Pace
Warren Kennedy
Glen Storey
Garry Worran
Chris Budden



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Chairman's Report – Neil Finch

As another season ends as always I want to take some time to thank everyone involved with the club that make it possible to provide football activity to circa 700 people from all areas of our community.

I would like to thank all my fellow Trustees for performing their roles this season with enthusiasm and professionalism. A special mention to Sharon McLean who is stepping down as Club Secretary after taking on the role in 2018. Sharon and I started in our roles at the same time so has been a constant and it will feel strange not having her as Club Secretary. Sharon has done a fantastic job as secretary as well as getting involved in pretty much every aspect of the club, going above and beyond her basic responsibilities and has continued to perform the role long after her son stopped playing football at the club. I know Sharon has a deep affection for Bedwell Rangers and her decision to step down was not taken lightly, but there are only so many hours in the day and Sharon is a very hard working mother and very recently grandma. I'm delighted that Sharon has agreed to stay on as a Trustee because her experience, knowledge and opinions are priceless; to say nothing of the fun and laughs she brings to the meetings. Thank you Sharon.

It is worth mentioning that due to the town we are based in the job of running a football club has unique challenges. In short, the facilities for football in this town are an embarrassment and the lack of support for local sports club is nothing short of an outrage. How a council can charge large fees to use pitches in public parks but provide no floodlights or goal nets – no toilet facilities is beyond me. As things stand there is not a single 5v5 pitch to hire from the local authority in the whole town. I believe only a couple of adult pitches. I'd like to say things will improve but in truth things are only likely to get worse. Finding new venues within the town or even the surrounding areas is going to be a priority going forward; we will also try our best to negotiate with the local authority. Unfortunately, costs for venues are going to be increasing but we will continue to work hard to keep costs as low as possible.

There would be no point to all the hard work done by the trustees if the club didn't have such a dedicated group of managers, coaches, assistants and helpers giving up their time to run the teams and put their heart and soul into everything they do. These people are a credit to the club and for thanks, but it's very much appreciated by the club and recognised by the vast majority of parents and players. You play an important role in the lives of so many of the young people you are working with and will be remembered by them throughout their lives. A big thank you to all of you.

Lastly, a big thank you to all the parents, guardians and supporters who go every week after week to positively support our teams and everyone that supports the club by attending events. I wish there were more people that fully engaged with the club but hopefully word will spread of how good the events are and numbers will increase.

Looking ahead I'm looking forward to bringing in some new trustees and aiming to be ready for the start of another challenging but exciting season.

Club Secretary Report – Sharon McLean

After 6 years I have made the decision to step away from my role as club secretary. This was not any easy decision to make as I have really enjoyed this role. I would like to thank all of you for making this role an enjoyable one.

I would like to wish whoever takes over my role all the success and I will be around to help if you need it. We end of season 2024/25 with some great successes, congratulations to all teams that made it to finals with leagues.

Well done to all volunteers involved. We took part again in Herts Fa silent sidelines this season. This scheme is a great way for the youth players to play the game they love and find their voices, with the support of their manager. There have been a large amount of team fines this season. Hopefully next season this can be improved. Thank you to all managers, coaches and volunteers for all your hard work and dedication again this season without you these teams wouldn't be here.

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Lastly I would just like to thank all my fellow trustees for all their support they have given to me over the last 6 years. They truly are an amazing group of people who give up so much of their time to run this wonderful club.

Treasurers Report – Gary Dempsey

The season has been extremely busy and it has placed a huge demand on my time to ensure that we meet all of our financial commitments. My thanks go to all trustees for ensuring that I have the correct documentation to pay all invoices. Special thanks goes to Sharon who ensures that referee fees are checked and then Sharon checks all my errors before we complete our payments.

We planned to use £10K of reserves in the last financial year. However, this did not take into consideration the loss of Marriotts and the awful weather of the last 6 months.

The net effect of reduced spending has meant that we ended up with a surplus of £14K in the year. However, this will be offset with an increase in facility hire costs in 2024-25. This is especially true for Marriotts where the base price will increase by 35%. As a club we had a very favorable agreement with the school, but following the redevelopment of the pitch the school realised that we were paying 38% of what they considered to be market rates. We have agreed that increases will be phased over the coming years. However, if we are paying market rates then we expect the school to ensure that the condition of pitches is improved.

Whilst setting a budget for 2024-25 trustees expect that we will need £17K in reserves in the coming season and to ensure that we keep our losses to an absolute minimum we will have to increase subscriptions across the board by £3 for all teams.

Parents can assist the club by attending club events such as the race and donations.

We are lucky that we have an equipment officer that is committed to maintaining a high standard of kit. We have been fortunate that we had sufficient funds to make sure that it could be purchased quickly and circulated to teams. This has meant that budgets had to be adjusted during the season. However, in the coming season we will stick to the budgeted figure and there will be time when Warren may be able to bulk buy hundreds of footballs only for these to be lost quickly and we purchase them.

The biggest disappointment this season was the hacking in London & Zurich and the possible impact this had on parents. This was a large setback on a third party and something we had no control over. As a result we had to report ourselves to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). This was not a nice experience and as data controller it is our responsibility to protect data. The data breach was through the third party direct debit company, which was out of our control, but we had to prove that we had taken adequate steps when the breach was officially recognised. Thankfully, the ICO confirmed that no further action should be taken against the club. We must now make a decision on how registrations and payments are handled in the future. London & Zurich have confirmed that they now have rigorous controls in place. Whilst I would happily move to a new provider, I would want assurances about the Cyber security that is in place for a new payment collection provider.

Fines – managers, please check your results and follow league rules. We are stopping petty fines for things

FA Fines - this season we have seen a dramatic increase in players being booked. We have also had to deal with 4 major fines from the FA. Where a parent brings the club into disrepute we will pass the fine onto the parent as was the case this season.

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Therefore, the trustees must examine fines incurred by teams where we have been fined due to actions of a team or the management team. We have had 3 fines that have cost the club over £300 and in most cases we are unable to recover the cost of the fine. Personally, I think we are lucky that we have only had 3 fines. The club has a good name and is well run, but we need to maintain this standard and if we do not educate our parents then I am concerned that this will soon become a very serious issue. The trustees have had to deal with a number of instances this season where we have been able to defuse situations that have not come to the attention of Herts FA.

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Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement

1st June 2023 - 31st May 2024

2022-2023		2023-2024
36,072.04	Membership Fees	37,751.15
66,990.92	Playing & Training Income	10,109.29
11,428.88	Sponsorship	4,724.00
726.45	Miscellaneous Income	467.80
3,655.27	Gifts	5,812.59
237.00	Fines	382.00
11,410.00	Donations	225.00
0.00	Grants	0.00
3,060.00	Payroll	1,605.00
1,339.50	Presentation Income	1,580.50
309.95	Kit Sales	1,147.50
4,305.00	Warwick Cricket Fund	2,962.65
	Grants	4,550.00
6,613.76	Town Fundraising	2,060.24
14,624.95	Club Fundraising	8,975.43
	Pettit's	143.80
45.83	Bank Interest	365.52
160,819.55	Total Income	142,862.47
	Expenditure	
1,253.08	Administration	1,069.04
2,770.85	Courses	1,351.00
3,510.00	Cup/Fair/SAFE	2,450.00
35,448.74	Club Kit	21,834.51
3,522.91	Officials Kit	3,107.53
963.25	Club Insurance (inc Trustees)	0.00
2,822.90	Registration Admin	3.69
1,250.00	Coaches Portal	1,250.00
3,752.00	League Registrations	5,996.00
52,762.88	Sub-total Administration costs	36,261.77
2,770.85	Sponsorship Expenditure	4,276.43
7,661.46	Presentation Day	6,115.27
5,031.59	Club Equipment	2,855.35
150.00	Donations	0.00

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956.00	Fines	933.50
49,879.04	School Hire Fees	52,035.19
4,737.02	Council Pitch Fees	2,570.70
8,834.50	Referees Fees	8,647.50
811.46	Misc Expenditure	275.00
	Gravity	4,523.01
3,880.01	Warm Jacket Project	3,520.74
614.32	Registration refunds	310.00
6,132.89	Team Fundraising	1,230.74
10,173.30	Club fundraising	3,839.38
154,395.32	Total Expenditure	127,394.58
£6,424.23	Net Income (Expenditure)	£15,467.89



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Consolidated Balance Sheet
1st June 2023- 31st May 2024

2022-23		2023-2024
£	General Funds	£
49,238.83	Opening Balance b/f	54,547.04
1,308.21	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	13,993.02
54,547.04	Closing balance	68,540.06
BEDWELL RANGERS FC		
30,360.41	Club Savings Account Opening Balance b/f	30,360.41
-	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	365.52
30,360.41	Closing balance	30,725.93
388.20	Club Fundraising Account Opening Balance b/f	388.31
4,255.45	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,005.05
(4,000.00)	Transfer to General funds	(4,000.00)
(225.34)	Transfer to Team Fundraising	
418.31	Closing balance	1,393.36
1,085.78	Team Fundraising Account Opening Balance b/f	1,085.99
1,942.30	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	829.60
(1,236.09)	Transfer to Club Fund Raising	
1,791.99	Closing balance	2,745.59
£196.20	Petty Cash Movement over year	143.80
196.20	Closing balance	340.00
54,547.04	Being Current Account	54,547.06
30,360.41	Savings Account	30,725.93
84,907.45		85,272.99
1791.99	Team Fundraising A/c	2,021.49
418.31	Club Fundraising A/C	554.36
196.2	Club Fundraising Petty Cash	340.00
87,313.95	Total Funds Available	102,781.84

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Budgets 2024/2025

As with all seasons setting a budget for next season has not been easy. The trustees have agreed to restrict fee increases to £10 per age group. The additional fees will not cover increased costs and the trustees have agreed that we should reduce the funds in the club to cover increased expenditure. The proposed budget forecasts the deficit for next season to be £17,500. However, this could increase if the number of teams is reduced and we are hit with any exception items of expenditure.

Income	BUDGET 2023-24	Budget 2024/25
Registrations Income	£117,000.00	£106,000.00
Sponsorship	£6,000.00	£6,000.00
Misc Income	£500.00	£500.00
Gift Aid	£19,000.00	£6,000.00
Fines Repaid	£750.00	£750.00
Donations	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Grants	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Club Fundraising	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Pay to play	£6,000.00	£3,000.00
Presentation 2023	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Kit Sales	£500.00	£500.00
Warm Jacket fund	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
	£157,750.00	£119,000.00
Expenditure	BUDGET 2023-24	Budget 2024/25
Administration	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Courses	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
DBS/First Aid/Safe	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Donations	£250.00	£250.00
Equipment - Club	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
General Kit	£18,000.00	£18,000.00
Sponsorship Kit	£2,000.00	£4,000.00
Managers Kit	£3,000.00	£4,000.00
Fines	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Insurance - trustees	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
League Registration	£5,500.00	£7,000.00
SBC Pitch Fees	£14,000.00	£8,000.00
School Hire	£70,000.00	£66,000.00
Presentation Events	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Referees Fees	£1,000.00	£1,500.00
Misc Expenditure	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Registration Admin	£4,000.00	£0.00
Coaches portal	£1,500.00	£1,250.00
CRY	£8,000.00	£7,500.00
Warm Jacket Project	£4,000.00	£2,000.00
	£167,750.00	£151,500.00
	Deficit	-£17,750.00

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Registration Secretary – Gary Dempsey

The following shows the breakdown of player numbers

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Girls	192	210	197	192	168
Ladies	21	29	17	0	15*
Boys	401	378	401	376	300
Inclusive	65	59	42	38	31
VETS	17	22	22	21	-
	696	98	609	627	499

Numbers are on a par with last season, but we lost a few squads in 2022 which did not carry over into 2023-24 and the number of squads increased as we expanded squads in some of the younger boys age groups.

GIRLS

U4/5/6	14
U7	11
U8	0
U9	18
U10	24
U11	13
U12	11
U13	26
U14	14
U15	18
U16	13
U17	17
U18	13
	192

BOYS

U5/U6	0
U7	15
U8	25
U9	61
U10	43
U11	24
U12	68
U13	51
U14	47
U15	31
U16	18
U18	17
	401

Ladies

	21
	17

VETS

	17
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Next season we will need to ensure that all players have new photos so please collect photos now, must be a photo from mid chest upwards, please ensure that players are wearing a shirt and not wearing hats.

We have not decided which portal we will use for registrations, but we will start asap. We may continue with the same portal this season, but it will change at some point as the current portal does not interface with WGS.

As stated before in my treasurers report, registration does take its toll on my private life, especially in the coming weeks and we are looking at how the work load can be spread.

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Kit and Equipment Officer – Warren Kennedy

Another exciting season has come to a close.

KIT:

The club have agreed to extend our agreement with www.kcsportsteamwear.co.uk to supply us kits via Umbro. We are currently in a good state with all shirts/shorts and socks in the hands of Bedwell Rangers FC to virtually complete all new and replacement team kits.

Please note, all players kits and official kits must only be ordered via myself and no direct orders will be honoured by KC Sports.

EQUIPMENT:

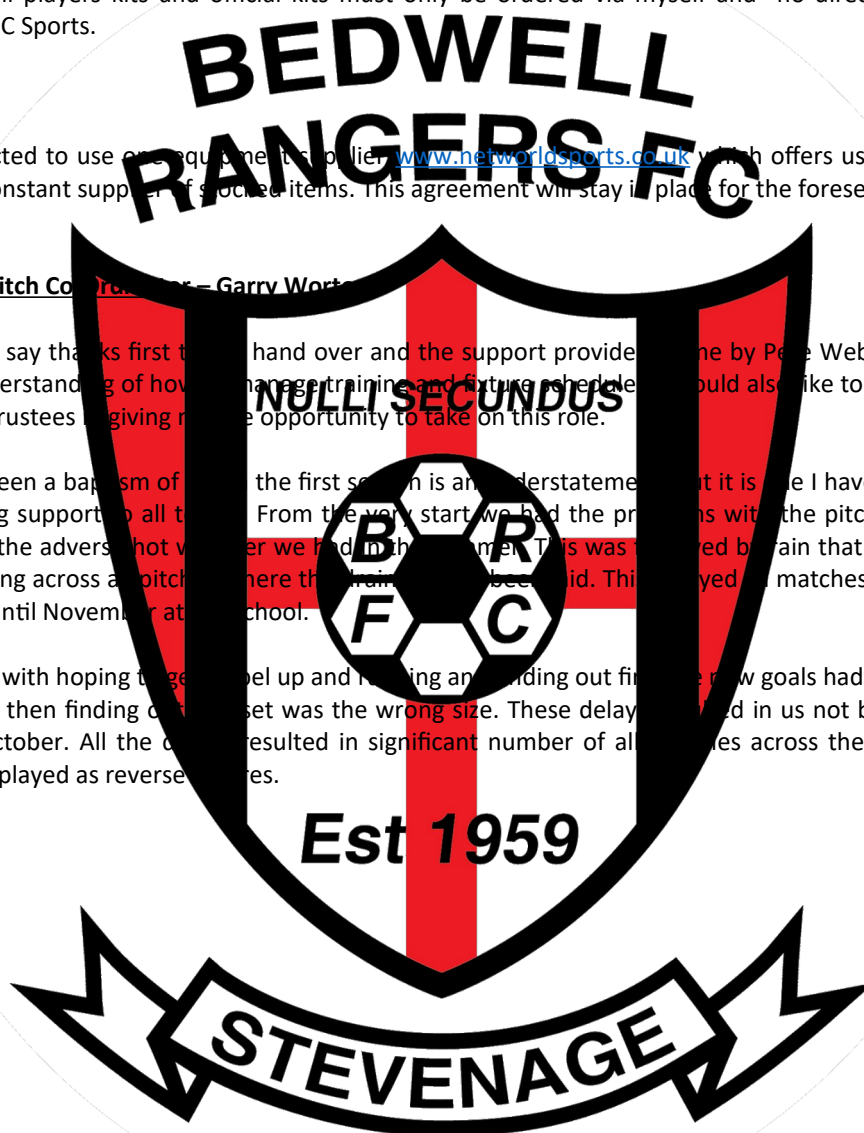
We have selected to use our equipment supplier www.networldsports.co.uk which offers us extremely good terms and a constant supply of stocked items. This agreement will stay in place for the foreseeable future.

Fixtures and Pitch Coordinator – Garry Wort

I would like to say thanks first to the hand over and the support provided to me by Pete Webber who helped me get an understanding of how to manage training and fixture schedule. I would also like to say a big thanks to my fellow Trustees for giving me the opportunity to take on this role.

To say it has been a baptism of fire in the first season is an understatement but it is true I have enjoyed taking on in providing support to all teams. From the very start we had the problems with the pitches at Marriotts where due to the adverse hot weather we had in the summer this was exacerbated by rain that then resulted in holes developing across a pitch where the rain had been laid. This meant that matches had to be played on grass pitches until November at the school.

This coincided with hoping to get the goal up and finding and finding out that the new goals had not been delivered, and then finding out that the set was the wrong size. These delays meant we had not been able to use Nobel until October. All the delays resulted in significant number of all games across the various leagues needing to be played as reverse fixtures.



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This was followed by the passing of the Queen in September, which then led to a period of remembrance where all games were stopped as a mark of respect. In a final twist before the season ended, we then discovered that the 3G pitches were not FA registered at Marriotts, which then resulted in us having to re-arrange all league games at alternative venues.

During the season, we have also added Woolenwick Primary School to our list of venues where we can play matches. A big thanks needs to be passed onto all teams who have used this venue as it has shown the school our club conduct and level of respect, we show to using all venues.

I hope I have been able to meet the needs of all teams as we had to rotate from our regular pitches during the season. Certainly, without the use of the council pitches we would have struggled. The one thing all teams need to take notice of in the coming season is especially when we do need to use council pitches it is so important games are played. We as a club will lose the full cost of booking pitches if notice is not given back to the council within 72 hours of the day of the game. This season we had several instances where we were not told, and this is money that I don't want to have to have a fight to get back on all such bookings moving forward, and I ask all Managers/Coaches for their support on this matter.

As the season draws to a close, I have been inundated with requests for friendly matches, and looking back at prior seasons this is something we have not been able to provide to teams at the level we have done this season, which I hope has helped.

I truly appreciate all the support that our Manager/Coach has provided me in my first season and look forward to standing for re-election in the coming season. The one thing we do need to look at closely is how the training schedules are structured. We need to look at where we can provide more space for the teams the space they need to train especially as we go up the age groups. This is something that is important for the teams to develop their training and understanding of the different formats especially when they move up to U11 and U13 side.

Child Welfare Office – Nicky G

As a club we continue to grow and develop and this cannot be possible without our wonderful volunteers. Some of this season has been busy up and down, but I think another very successful year for football.

Thank you to you all for your support.

We would love to continue to grow and not only support our children but also develop our coaches as well. That is why during the summer we will have a start on our new team of Development Officers and what that looks like for us all. If you think you can contribute, please let me know.

Qualifications

We now have 172 volunteers supporting this club. Last year for busy with 89 DBS checks, and this year, it was much lower (circa 30). However, this year Safeguarding and First Aid qualifications became mandatory for not only us as a club, but also some leagues. This was a mammoth task and it was with absolute delight that Graham Storey joined the team as a Governance Officer and I am championed this for us.

From this exercise, we did have a number of coaches suspended and they were removed from the club. Although this may seem harsh, it is critical that we maintain standards at this club, not only for the children's safety, but also for the protection of our coaches as well.

In addition to this, we secured 3* status as an FA Accredited Club. Again, this was championed by Graham and with his engagement with Herts FA, our volunteers and trustees, we went through seamlessly.

My personal thanks to Graham for his efforts on all of this.

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Behaviour

As in previous years, we've had a handful of issues in the past season. We continue to work with Herts FA on this but as we mention in our Officials meetings, we must not rise to any issues during or after matches. There is no place for poor behaviour in BRFC and I would urge officials, supporters and players to all adhere to the Codes of Conduct we have online on our website.

As I mentioned last year, BRFC can (and do) get fined for not controlling their side-lines and we have seen personal bans from Herts FA. The children just want to play football. Let them.

Junior Coaching

We have a group of fabulous Junior Coaches who support a number of teams across the club. Unfortunately, due to limited capacity, the group have been left to the door this year (under the very capable watch of our coaches of course), however we have been able to support 3 of our junior coaches who, after coming of age, the BRFC Youth Forum paid for their Level 1 course in full. We can't wait to see how they progress.

With this in mind, I've set myself a personal objective of improving our Junior Coach programme for the next season – so please keep your eyes peeled for information to share with children in our u12s and above.

I said it at the start of my report, but I always sign off with a big shout out to our volunteers. I still feel very lucky that as CWO I get to know the majority of you are brilliant and the impact you have on our community is nothing short of fabulous.

We couldn't do it without you. Thank you.

Sponsorship Officer – Chris Budden

Another exciting season has ended which saw Bedwell Rangers FC sponsor our partners continue to support.

We exit 2023/24 season with a total of 29 active sponsors.

It should be noted that the entire club benefits from our sponsorship support received and not just the team carrying the sponsors logo; therefore, if you are a manager of a squad that is sponsored, I urge you to assign yourself a goal of identifying and obtaining a sponsor (2 or 3 years) for the following season. It should be the collective goal of the entire club to have all teams/squads at least assigned a single sponsor.

Enjoy the summer, and please ensure that any interested party who are looking to support and sponsor a real grass root team are directed for my attention.

Teams Currently Sponsored

U7 Dragons	Girls	Molly Maid
U9 Sporting	Boys	Brycelands Removal & Storage
U9 Bulls	Boys	EKS Builders / Westminster Maintenance
U9 Dragon	Girls	Poly Pipes
U10 Phoenix	Girls	LS Fabrications
U10 Dragons	Girls	LS Fabrications
U10 Munich	Boys	Herts Metal Recycling
U11 Dragon	Girls	Siobhan's Hair & Beauty
U11 Juventus	Boys	AFS Drains

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U11 Napoli	Boys	Ricky Marshall
U12 Boas	Boys	CGI
U12 Palmeiras	Boys	The Bombay Restaurant
U12 Cruzeiro	Boys	KC Sports
U12 Corinthians	Boys	Stevenage Sheet Metal
U12 Santos	Boys	Aztek Logistics
U12 Phoenix	Girls	Primis Installations Ltd
U13 Torino	Boys	Grange Developments
U13 Dragons	Girls	Stevenage Community Trust
U13 Phoenix	Girls	Bulter Residential
U14 Juventus	Boys	Painters Handyman Services
U14 Sevilla	Girls	Siobhan's Hair & Beauty
U14 Real	Boys	Air Cool Engineering
U15 Albion	Boys	Truck Care
U15 Dragons	Girls	LS Fabrications
U16 Phoenix	Girls	Sontec
U16 Jaguars	Boys	True Potential
U17 Amazons	Girls	Jardak Services Ltd
U18 Galaxy	Boys	Hirebase
U12	Inclusive	Taylor Wimpey
Not Team Linked		Gibbs and Dandy
		Blackcat Productions
		Anderson Homes

Sponsorship Offer 2 Year

- £695 for 2 seasons paid in one instalment
- You are providing sponsorship for the Bedwell Rangers FC as a whole and will be allocated a team
- Logo on home and away shirts
- Sponsorship announced via email to all club members - approx. 675
- Sponsorship announced on club website
- Sponsorship announced on club's social media platforms; Twitter 1100+ followers, Facebook 1000+ followers, Instagram 600+ followers
- Sponsors logo permanently in the club's sponsors 'story' on the club's Instagram homepage
- Tagged in on posts about the sponsored team
- Logo with link on sponsors page and team page on the club website

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- Sponsors logo in monthly/bi-monthly newsletter emailed to all members with opportunity to advertise member offers etc.
- Logo in club's end of season presentation programme
- Framed photograph of sponsored team
- Sponsored team receive club sweatshirts
- Logo printing and club sweatshirts are provided as part of the sponsorship payment
- Additional sponsorship opportunities at club events

Sponsorship Offer 3 Year

- £950 for 3 seasons paid in one instalment (designed for new kit issues)
- You are providing sponsorship for the Bedwell Rangers FC as a whole and will be allocated a team
- Logo on home and away shirts
- Sponsorship announced via email to all club members (approx. 675)
- Sponsorship announced on club website
- Sponsorship announced on club's social media platforms: Twitter 1100+ followers, Facebook 1000+ followers, Instagram 600+ followers
- Sponsors logo permanently in the club's sponsors' story on the club's Instagram homepage
- Tagged in on posts about the sponsored team
- Logo with link on sponsors page and team page on the club website
- Sponsors logo in monthly/bi-monthly newsletter emailed to all members with opportunity to advertise member offers etc.
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Minutes Secretary Report – Jon

As, I said in my report this time last year, I have the pleasure of writing this after I have compiled the other Trustees reports, this allows me to reflect over the season and realise how much every volunteer at this club can and does make a difference to the local community.

As you will have read in the other reports, the club seem to have run from one problem to another due to outside factors, but as a club we have survived these challenges and remain on a very stable footing. Many thanks must go to all the Trustees who put in a lot of unseen hours to ensure Children and adults across our town have opportunities to play grassroots football at an affordable price.

One of the earliest things I was taught in my professional career is that you should always try and leave a role in a better position than when you started, and I can say that all the Trustees in my 1 year involvement with Bedwell Rangers have certainly done that.

Events & Fundraising report – Chris Storey

Wow, what another amazing year of Events & Fundraising for Bedwell Rangers. The below is just snapshot of the amazing achievements everyone has made a contribution to the season just finished.

Starting with last year's June presentation. This was the first one at Nobel school and it was a great success. It had a smoother feel to the day and created better circulation space to allow teams to purchase club Merchandise, food and drink, take pictures and enjoy the outdoor area before and after their award sessions. This event generated £933.25 into the club fundraising pot.

September 10th was the Clubs 3rd annual and very popular Golf Day held once again at Knebworth Golf Course. We always have great attendance to this event, held at a fantastic venue. This is an opportunity to use a different kind of ball..... Thank you to everyone that supported this event, as you helped raise an amazing amount of money - £3,876.76 This is an increase of £264.53 from last year's event. So, a huge Well done!

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November 26th was Drag Queen bingo, an event funded by the club as a thank you to all officials who take their time to volunteer for the club. There were multiple games of bingo played with a twist, as I'm sure you can tell by the event title, where cash prizes were up for grab and including raffle prizes. This is the first type of event of this nature and feedback was positive.

December 5th – Back to Gravity for another year of fun for all the players of Bedwell, an opportunity to get together prior to the Christmas break. The event is always well attended, and the players have an amazing time.

2023

March 4th – Quiz night. Always a popular event, this year we decided to seek a larger venue and was held at the Oval Community Centre. With a record 8 teams in attendance, we saw an increased atmosphere and friendly competitiveness as teams competed their way to top spot answering our ever challenging and interesting questions. We even had our very own Bedwell bar with a variety of drinks at competitive prices. This event raised a massive £1,067.25.

May 13th – hosted at the CIU Club – another annual and very popular Race Night where both adults and children can come along for some family fun. A great way to cheer on your favourite horse or pig as we had a cameo pig race this time round. This event generated £1,112.93 for the club which added on last year's total of £522.44

There was also several events throughout the year where Bedwell volunteers got involved outside the club, such as the London to Brighton bike ride in September. Support is always welcomed for these individuals or teams that take part, and it helps to raise the profile of Bedwell as a whole.

We look forward to seeing you at the presentation day. Of course, there is the race to get involved in if you have not done so already. In addition, there will be a bar and food for sale.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Bedwells fundraising activities and events over the past year. From organising or attending your support, enthusiasm and dedication has contributed to another successful year. If you are interested in organising any of the fund-raising events, or have any suggestions please contact me.

2023/24		
June 11 th	Presentation Day	£933.25
September 16 th	Golf Day - Knebworth	£3,876.76
March 4 th	Quiz Night	£1,067.25
May 13 th	Race Night	£1,112.93
Total		£6,990.19

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees and members of Bedwell Rangers Football Club – Charity Number 1131242
for the year ended 31 May 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 14.**

Respective responsibilities of officers and examiners

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts to ensure that they have been prepared in accordance with general accounting principles and to state whether any matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club and a comparison of the accounts presented with the accounting records. It also includes a search for any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as officers 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 the matters set out in the statement above.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me a basis to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 40 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Neil Heyes FCA
Independent Examiner
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Charity Information

Charity Name -

Bedwell Rangers Football Club

Charity Number -

1131242

Website Address -

<https://www.bedwellrangersfc.com/>

Public Address -

67 Whomerley Road, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1SS

Trustees

Neil Finch (Chair)
Gary Dempsey
Susan Penn – Resigned June 2022
Peter Webber – Resigned June 2022
Nicola George
Sharon McLean
Jon Pace
Warren Kennedy
Jason Caplen – Resigned November 2022
Glen Storey – Appointed June 2022
Garry Worton – Appointed June 2022
Christopher Budden – Appointed October 2022

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Chairman's Report – Neil Finch

Firstly, I would like to thank all the trustees for the hard work and commitment throughout the past year. The majority of this work is done behind the scenes and the fruits of which are often taken for granted. Running a club of this size is not possible if those in positions of responsibility don't only have the necessary skills and knowledge but also have a passion to unselfishly provide for others.

I'd also like to recognise the effort, commitment, and passion of every single one of the volunteers that enable so many players to enjoy playing football every week and all the great benefits associated with being part of a team. Coaching a football team and everything associated with running the team requires a variety of skills beyond a knowledge of football and a good amount of emotional attachment that is too often not appreciated by those making things unnecessarily more difficult.

In all the years of being a trustee of the club this season has been the most frustrating when it comes to outside influences from those who are in a position to support grassroots football and should be assisting us but instead seem to have a lack of comprehension and empathy of what is involved and how difficult their actions and decisions make for those of us just trying to do all we can for as many members of our community as we can. This was highlighted when we were prevented from using Marriotts 3g to play matches for the last part of the season... the reasoning behind this does nothing to support grassroots football and actually prevented children from being able to play football. The people in positions of authority who are responsible for this should hang their heads in shame and the whole issue was handled in a very unprofessional manner. As it stands, we are hopeful that this situation will be resolved over the summer, but this is not guaranteed and if not, it will have huge implications for the club; specifically, the amount we would be forced to charge for registration fees due to the high cost of renting council pitches.

The issue of pitches highlighted what I complained about in my report last year and that is the woeful lack of facilities in the town. As things stand there is currently no artificial pitches in the town that the FA deem fit for football to be played on. That is shameful for a town of this size and should be an embarrassment for the local authority. As far as I'm concerned by providing football for nearly 800 members of the community every week, we are doing their job for them and as such deserve their support and not the negativity that in the past we have encountered at every turn. However, hope springs eternal and with a change of council leadership I have already had an initial meeting to try and put our case forward and with the support of the trustee's future meetings are planned.

The number of applications to join the club shows no signs of slowing up and the waiting list remains at well over 200. We will continue to do all we can to provide opportunities for as many of these children as possible. The great reputation the club has is a great testament to the efforts of everyone involved and as well as the officials and volunteers this also includes the players for their enthusiasm to play the game we love in the right way and the parents who support the club positively.

As we approach summer, I hope everyone can get some well-deserved rest to recharge their batteries and look forward to the start of next season.

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Club Secretary Report – Sharon McLean

Another great successful season for Bedwell Rangers.

We have seen U14 girls win a County Cup and U13 Juve finish runners up in divisional cup. Whilst U12 Milan, U12 Lazio, U13 Juve and U14 Dragons all won their divisions.

Massive well done to those teams and all volunteers involved but also to all teams who have gone out and played their socks off.

We took part in Herts FA pilot scheme of “Silent sideline” and whilst this worked for some teams other’s struggled it was interesting to watch how the youths adapted to this, thank you to all managers and coaches that took part in this.

Unfortunately, we lose a couple of teams this year, and I would like to wish them all the best in their next football adventure.

Once again, a lot of fines received this season from teams and players. Hopefully we can improve on this next season! One thing that I have noted and would like to see an improvement on is Bedwell Rangers code of conduct, not just for players but for spectators too.

Thank you to all managers and coaches that have made my first season helping with referee refunds go as smoothly as it has.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for all their hard work and support this season. I am truly lucky to work with such a bunch of amazing people who give up a lot of their own time to make sure the club runs smoothly, and every child gets to play football.

Treasurers Report – Gary Dempsey

As a club we rely on the help of so many volunteers and my thanks goes to Sue Penn who I took over from in June 2022. Sue handed over a well-managed set of accounts and we had a clean set of records to hand over to our Independent Examiner.

In 2021 the Trustees took the decision to reduce fees to allow for the larger than expected surplus that had accumulated during Covid to be reduced. In 2022, fees were increased, and the trustees make the decision to increase fees against a back drop of worldwide price increases. We set a high target of reaching £105K through membership fees. I am pleased to say that we fell marginally short on this target and next season we will need to look at how we ensure all players make a contribution to their fees. The Trustees want to maintain the ethos of affordable football and we are still have some of the lowest fees in the county.

So far, we have not seen dramatic price increases, but we knew this would be short-lived and we are already aware of price increases with Marriotts already proposing 10% price increases. Therefore, with prices increasing the Trustees will continue with the policy of increasing registration fees by £10 next season. The trustees are also going to review how both adult squads are funded as we have experienced a very high number of non-payers this season.

This season we changed the rules on the ownership of kit. Any player that has paid in full now owes their kit. Parents need to be aware of their commitment and any lost/damaged kit must be replaced by them.

Kit has continued to be a thorn in our accounts. We have tried to set budgets, but we have had to be flexible and allow our kit officer, Warren Kennedy, the opportunity to purchase kit when it is available, it is because we have a healthy bank account that we can afford to do this. The club should be thankful of Warren’s commitment and forward thinking. Warren likes to send me batches of invoices at the start of the month thinking I will have forgotten

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by the end of the month, and the comment, couple of small invoices coming your way, is often the start of the email, often these come in around £2K. As I say, we are fortunate to have someone so dedicated to ensure we have a stock of kit. Warrens report will provide more details on the difficulties he is having to deal with. He has promised me less shocks next year.

All areas of our expenditure have increased considerably and there are costs that we must manage more carefully.

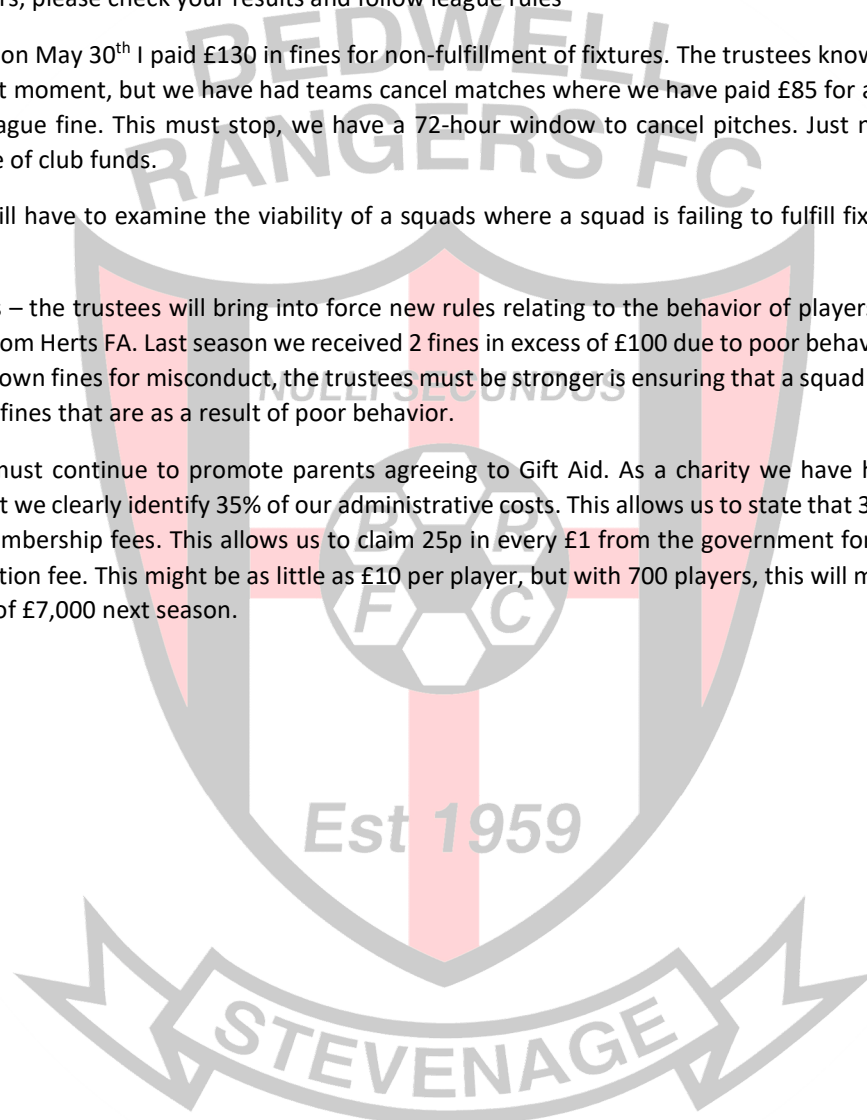
Fines – managers, please check your results and follow league rules

Cancellations – on May 30th I paid £130 in fines for non-fulfillment of fixtures. The trustees know managers are let down at the last moment, but we have had teams cancel matches where we have paid £85 for a council pitch and then incur a league fine. This must stop, we have a 72-hour window to cancel pitches. Just not turning up is a complete waste of club funds.

The Trustees will have to examine the viability of a squads where a squad is failing to fulfill fixtures on a regular basis.

Players/Parents – the trustees will bring into force new rules relating to the behavior of players and parents that result in fines from Herts FA. Last season we received 2 fines in excess of £100 due to poor behavior. Whilst players have paid their own fines for misconduct, the trustees must be stronger in ensuring that a squad or parent are held responsible for fines that are as a result of poor behavior.

Gift Aid – we must continue to promote parents agreeing to Gift Aid. As a charity we have had to amend our accounts so that we clearly identify 35% of our administrative costs. This allows us to state that 35% of our fees are the players' membership fees. This allows us to claim 25p in every £1 from the government for this element of a players registration fee. This might be as little as £10 per player, but with 700 players, this will mean our claim will be a minimum of £7,000 next season.



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Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement
1st June 2022- 31st May 2023

2021-2022		2022-2023
£	Income	£
19,117.69	Membership Fees	36,072.04
35,504.27	Playing & Training Income	66,990.92
8,615.00	Sponsorship	11,428.88
118.66	Misc. Income	726.45
7,098.08	Gift Aid	3,655.27
6,975.00	Pay to Play	3,060.00
50.00	Presentation Day	1,339.50
513.00	Fines repaid	237.00
1,675.00	Donations	11,410.00
1,000.00	Grants	-
-	Team Fundraising	6,613.76
13,278.24	Club Fundraising	14,624.95
228.37	KC Sports cash refund	-
-	Kit Sales	309.95
-	Warm Jacket Project	4,305.00
3.03	Bank Interest	45.83
94,176.34	Total Income	160,819.55
	Expenditure	
827.90	Administration	1,253.08
677.50	Courses	240.00
2,271.00	CRB/First Aid/Safe	3,510.00
24,256.21	Club kit	35,448.74
5,338.24	Officials Kit	3,522.91
751.56	Club Insurance (inc Trustees)	963.25
1,401.07	Registration Admin	2,822.90
-	Coaches Portal	1,250.00
2,147.50	League Registrations	3,752.00
37,670.98	Sub-total Administration costs	52,762.88
4,742.13	Sponsorship Expenditure	2,770.85
4,766.87	Presentation Day	7,661.46
1,652.64	Club Equipment	5,031.59
-	Donations	150.00
937.75	Fines	956.00
46,360.04	Winter Training	49,879.04
3,393.85	Pitch Fees	4,737.02
8,235.50	Referees Fees	8,834.50
10.10	Misc Expenditure	811.46
240.00	Registration refunds	614.32
	Warm Jacket Project	3,880.01
175.01	Team Fundraising	6,132.89
8,439.46	Club fundraising	10,173.30
116,624.33	Total Expenditure	154,395.32
(22,447.99)	Net Income/Expenditure	6,424.23

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Consolidated Balance Sheet

1st June 2022- 31st May 2023

2021-22		2022-23
£	General Funds	£
66,918.75	Opening Balance b/f	49,238.83
(26,679.92)	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,318.21
-	Transfer to Team Fund raising	
9,000.00	Transfer from Club Fund raising	4,000.00
49,238.83	Closing balance	54,547.04
	Club Savings Account	
30,311.55	Opening Balance b/f	30,314.58
3.03	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	45.83
30,314.58	Closing balance	30,360.41
	Club Fund Raising Account	
5,501.42	Opening Balance b/f	250.53
3,614.10	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	4,589.32
(9,000.00)	Transfer to General funds	(4,000.00)
135.01	Transfer to Team Fundraising	(225.34)
250.53	Closing balance	614.51
	Team Fund Raising Account	
1,260.79	Opening Balance b/f	1,085.78
(40.00)	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,942.30
(135.01)	Transfer to Club Fund Raising	(1,236.09)
1,085.78	Closing balance	1,791.99
	Being	
49,030.16	Current Account	54,547.04
-	Uncashed cheques	-
30,314.58	Savings Account	30,360.41
71.00	Petty Cash Balance (closed)	-
79,415.74		84,907.45
1085.78	Team Fundraising A/C	1,791.99
250.83	Club Fundraising A/C	418.31
137.37	Club Fundraising Petty Cash	196.20
80,889.72	Total Funds Available	87,313.95

The trustees had allowed for a loss of £10K in the season. However, the work of the fund-raising team with some excellent events and a fantastic donation of £11K from Astrium Sports and Social club ensured we did not have a deficit this season.

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Thanks, should also go to all of our sponsors for their continued support this season. But a special word of thanks should go to Derek Fieldsend. Having taken a break, Derek realised that walking away is not as straight forward as you think and returned to the club. Derek set about building his new squad and then set about on a personal crusade to raise money for warm coats for his squad. This has now been extended to other squads and during the season Derek raised over £4,000 through different sources and we will receive a minimum of £1,000 from Tesco in July.

It shows that by knowing the right sources there is a lot of cash that we can benefit from.

Setting a budget for next season has not been easy.

	BUDGET 2022-23	BUDGET 2023-24
Income		
Registrations Income	£105,000.00	£117,000.00
Sponsorship	£10,500.00	£6,000.00
Misc Income	£500.00	£500.00
Gift Aid	£3,600.00	£10,000.00
Fines Repaid	£500.00	£750.00
Donations	£750.00	£1,000.00
Grants	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Club Fundraising	£4,000.00	£5,000.00
Pay to play	£6,000.00	£6,000.00
Presentation 2021-21	£10,000.00	£8,000.00
Kit Sales		£500.00
Warm Jacket fund		£2,000.00
Total	£141,850.00	£157,750.00
Expenditure		
Administration	£1,000.00	£1,500.00
Courses	£1,500.00	£2,000.00
DBS/First Aid/Safe	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Donations	£250.00	£250.00
Equipment - Club	£3,000.00	£4,000.00
General Kit	£27,500.00	£18,000.00
Sponsorship Kit	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Managers Kit	£2,000.00	£3,000.00
Fines	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Insurance	£1,500.00	£2,000.00
League Registrations	£5,000.00	£5,500.00
SBC Pitch Fees	£10,000.00	£14,000.00
School Pitch		
Fees/Training	£60,000.00	£70,000.00
Presentation Events	£8,000.00	£9,000.00
Referees Fees	£11,000.00	£14,000.00
Misc Expenditure	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Registration Admin	£2,500.00	£4,000.00
Coaches portal	£1,250.00	£1,500.00
CRY	£0.00	£8,000.00
Warm Jacket Project		£4,000.00
Total	£142,130.00	£163,750.00
Forecast		
Surplus/Deficit		(£6,000.00)

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Registration Secretary – Gary Dempsey

The last season has seen a continued increase in player registration. During the year 763 players were registered. During the season we lost the U15 Girls Dragons and U17 Boys Impact. Even with these players leaving approximately 690 players remained with the club.

Again the figure do not include all the Pay to Play players that we have provided training sessions to. All coaches that have provided this additional coaching should be congratulated on their fantastic efforts

The following shows the breakdown of player numbers

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Girls	210	197	192	168	196
Ladies	29	17	0	15	15
Boys	378	401	376	300	313
Inclusive	59	42	38	31	32
VETS	22	22	21	-	-

Numbers are players who registered, numbers are not as high as the figure shown

Squad numbers for all ages have increased, and I expect this trend to continue next season. Table below shows details of players per correct age group, teams playing up a year are shown in correct age band.

GIRLS		BOYS	
U4/5/6	17	U5/U6	0
U7	8	U7	26
U8	11	U8	55
U9	20	U9	33
U10	14	U10	22
U11	10	U11	76
U12	28	U12	54
U13	27	U13	47
U14	17	U14	32
U15	16	U15	19
U16	16	U16	0
U17	12	U18	14
U18	14		
	210		401
Ladies	29	Inclusive	59
VETS	22		

As with previous seasons, to ensure a clean set of records we will reset all the data on the registration portal, and we will attempt to complete the new portal by w/c 19th June. It is essential that once the portal is open Girls teams ask their players to register as we need to submit completed squads by July 31st.

All players will require photos, we are not like other clubs who recycle player photographs.

All new players will require a photo and are required to submit proof of age i.e. Passport or birth certificate

As I write I am not aware if Mid Herts will use the FA WGS for all registrations, thereby removing the need for ID cards. But it will be essential that teams ensure that they have a printed team sheet each game.

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Kit and Equipment Officer – Warren Kennedy

Another exciting season has come to a close.

KIT:

The club have agreed to extend our agreement with www.kcsportsteamwear.co.uk to supply us kits via Umbro. We are currently in a good state with all shirts/shorts and socks in the hands of Bedwell Rangers FC to virtually complete all new and replacement team kits.

Please note, all players kits and official kits must only be ordered via myself and no direct orders will be honoured by KC Sports.

EQUIPMENT:

We have selected to use one equipment supplier www.networldsports.co.uk which offers us extremely good terms and a constant supplier of stocked items. This agreement will stay in place for the foreseeable future.

Fixtures and Pitch Co-Ordinator – Garry Worton

I would like to say thanks first to the hand over and the support provided to me by Pete Webber who helped me get an understanding of how to manage training and fixture schedules. I would also like to say a big thanks to my fellow Trustees in giving me the opportunity to take on this role.

To say it has been a baptism of fire in the first season is an understatement. But it is one I have enjoyed taking on in providing support to all teams. From the very start we had the problems with the pitches at Marriotts where due to the adverse hot weather we had in the summer. This was followed by rain that then resulted in holes developing across all pitches where the drainage had been laid. This delayed all matches been played on grass pitches until November at the school.

This coincided with hoping to get Nobel up and running and finding out first the new goals had not been delivered, and then finding out one set was the wrong size. These delays resulted in us not been able to use Nobel until October. All the delays resulted in significant number of all matches across the various leagues needing to be played as reverse fixtures.

This was followed by the passing of the Queen in September, which then led to a period of remembrance where are games were stopped as a mark of respect. In a final twist before the season ended, we then discovered that the 3G pitches were not FA registered at Marriotts, which then resulted in us having to re-arrange all league games at alternative venues.

During the season, we have also added Woolenwick Primary School to our list of venues where we can play matches. A big thanks needs to be passed onto all teams who have used this venue as it has shown the school our club conduct and level of respect, we show to using all venues.

I hope I have been able to meet the needs of all teams as we had to rotate from our regular pitches during the season. Certainly, without the use of the council pitches we would have struggled. The one thing all teams need to take notice of in the coming seasons is especially when we do need to use council pitches it is so important games are played. We as a club will lose the full cost of booking pitches if notice is not given back to the council within 72 hours of the day of the game. This season we had several instances where we were not told, and this is money the club lost. I want to make sure we have a tighter control on all such bookings moving forward, and I ask all Managers/Coaches for their support on this matter.

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As the season draws to a close, I have been inundated with requests for friendly matches, and looking back at prior seasons this is something we have not been able to provide to teams to the level we have done this season, which I hope has helped.

I truly appreciate all the support each Manager/Coach has provided me in my first season and look forward to standing for re-election in the coming season. The one thing we do need to look at closely is how the training schedules are structured. We need to look and where we can provide more teams the space they need to train especially as we go up the age groups. This is something that is important as the teams develop their training and understanding of the different formats especially when they move up to 9 and 11aside.

Child Welfare Office – Nicky George

As a club we continue to grow and develop and this cannot be possible without our wonderful volunteers. Some of this season has been slightly up and down, but I think another hugely successful year for football. **Thank you to you all for your efforts.**

We would love to continue to grow and not only support our children but develop our coaches as well. That is why during the summer we will make a start on our new team of Development Officers and what that looks like for us all. If you think you can contribute, please let me know.

Qualifications

We now have 172 volunteers supporting this club. Last year felt busy with 89 DBS checks, and this year, it was much lower (circa 30) however, this year Safeguarding and First Aid qualifications became mandatory for not only us as a club, but also some leagues. This was a mammoth task and it was with absolute delight that Graham Storey joined the team as a Governance Officer and really championed this for us.

From this exercise, we did see a number of coaches suspended and then later removed from the club. Although this may seem harsh, it is critical that we maintain standards at this club, not only for the children's safety, but also for the protection of our coaches as well.

In addition to this, we secured 3* status as an FA Accredited Club. Again, this was championed by Graham and with his engagement with Herts FA, our volunteers and trustees, we went through seamlessly.

My personal thanks to Graham for his efforts on all of this.

Behaviour

As in previous years, we've had a handful of issues in the past season. We continue to work with Herts FA on this but as we mention in our Officials meetings, we must not rise to any issues during or after matches. There is no place for poor behaviour in BRFC and I would urge officials, supporters and players to all adhere to the Codes of Conduct we have online on our website.

As I mentioned last year, BRFC can (and do) get fined for not controlling their side-lines and we have seen personal bans from Herts FA. The children just want to play football. Let them.

Junior Coaching

We have a group of fabulous Junior Coaches who support a number of teams across the club. Unfortunately, due to limited capacity, the group have been left to their own devices this year (under the very capable watch of our coaches of course), however, we have been able to support 3 of our junior coaches who, after coming of age, the BRFC Youth Forum paid for their Level 1 course in full. We can't wait to see how they progress.

With this in mind, I've set myself a personal objective of reigniting our Junior Coach programme for the next season – so please keep your eyes out for information to share with children in our u12s and above.

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I said it at the start of my report, but I always sign off with a big shout out to our volunteers. I still feel very lucky that as CWO I get know the majority of you. You are brilliant and the impact you have on our community is nothing short of fabulous.

We couldn't do it without you. THANK YOU.

Sponsorship Officer – Chris Budden

Another exciting season has ended which saw Bedwell Rangers FC sponsorship partners continue to support.

We exit 2022/23 season with a total of 28 (49 teams) with active sponsors.

It should be noted that the entire club benefits from any sponsorship support received and not just the team carrying the sponsors logo; therefore, if you are a manager of a squad that is unsponsored, I urge you to assign yourself a goal of identifying and obtaining a sponsor (2 or 3 years) for the coming season. It should be the collective goal of the entire club to have all teams/squads at least assigned to a single sponsor.

Enjoy the summer, and please ensure that any interested party who are looking to support and sponsor a real grass root team are directed for my attention.

Teams Currently Sponsored

U07-U8 Girls	G	Joe	Finn	Safe Water
U08 Girls	G	Derek	Fieldsend	Poly Pipes
U08 Sporting	B	Jason	Franco	Brycelands Removals & Storage
U09 Dragons	G	Ross	Randall	LS Fabrications
U09 Phoenix	G	Chris	Gates	LS Fabrications
U10 Juve	B	Stuart	Giddens	AFS Drains
U10 Napoli	B	Tom	Bradshaw	Ricky Marshall
U10G Dragons	G	James	Anderson	Siobhan's Hair & Beauty
U11 Phoenix	G	Warren	Day	Primis Installations LTD
U11B Corinthians	B	Steve	Georgiou	Anderson Homes
U11B Cruzeiro	B	Aaron	George	KC SPORTS
U11B Palmieras	B	Adam	Compton	The Bombay Restaurant
U11B Santos	B	Paul	Cook	Aztek
U12 Devils Reds & Blue	M	Bryan	Prentice	Gibbs and Dandy
U12 Dragons/Phoenix	G	Gary	Young	Butler Residential
U12 Torino	B	Gary	Cuthbert	Grange Developments
U13 Athletico	G	Gary	Goodfellow	Amazing Occasions
U13 Juve	B	Jason	Caplen	Painters Handyman Services
U13 Real	B	Robert	Palmer	Air Cool Engineerimng
U13 Sevilla	G	Matthew	Borer	Siobhan's Hair & Beauty
U14 Albion	B	Glen	Storey	Truck Care
U14 Dragons	G	Neil	Finch	LS Fabrications
U15 Dragons*	G	James	Flynn	Rayner Essex
U15 Jaguars	B	Chris	Budden	True Potential

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U15 Phoenix	G	Steve	Curtis	SONTEC
U16 Amazons	G	Barry	Vigar	Jardak Services Ltd
U16 Sisu (blue & red)	M	Bryan	Prentice	Gibbs and Dandy
U17 Galaxy	B	John	Hemmings	Hirebase

*Team folded January 2023 sponsorship ended.

Sponsorship Offer – 2 Year

- £695 for 2 seasons paid in one instalment
- Logo on home and away shirts
- Sponsorship announced via email to all club members approx. 675
- Sponsorship announced on club website
- Sponsorship announced on club's social media platforms; Twitter 1100+ followers, Facebook 1000+ followers, Instagram 600+ followers
- Sponsors logo permanently in the club's sponsors 'story' on the club's Instagram homepage
- Tagged in on posts about the sponsored team
- Logo with link on sponsors page and team page on the club website
- Sponsors logo in monthly/bimonthly newsletter emailed to all members with opportunity to advertise member offers etc.
- Logo in club's end of season presentation programme
- Framed photograph of sponsored team
- Sponsored team receive club sweatshirts
- Additional sponsorship opportunities at club events

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Sponsorship Offer – 3 Year

- £950 for 3 seasons paid in one instalment (designed for new kit issues)
- Logo on home and away shirts
- Sponsorship announced via email to all club members approx. 675
- Sponsorship announced on club website
- Sponsorship announced on club's social media platforms; Twitter 1100+ followers, Facebook 1000+ followers, Instagram 600+ followers
- Sponsors logo permanently in the club's sponsors 'story' on the club's Instagram homepage
- Tagged in on posts about the sponsored team
- Logo with link on sponsors page and team page on the club website
- Sponsors logo in monthly/bimonthly newsletter emailed to all members with opportunity to advertise member offers etc.
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- Sponsored team receive club sweatshirts
- Additional sponsorship opportunities at club events

Minutes Secretary Report – Jon Pace

As, I said in my report this time last year, I have the pleasure of writing mine after I have compiled the other Trustees reports, this allows me to reflect over the season and realise how much every volunteer at this club can and does make a difference to the local community.

As you will have read in the other reports, the club seem to have run from one problem to another due to outside factors, but as a club we've survived these challenges and remained on a very stable footing. Many thanks must go to all the Trustees who put in a lot of unseen hours to ensure Children and adults across our town have opportunities to play grassroots football at an affordable price.

One of the earliest things I was taught in my professional career is that you should always try and leave a role in a better position than when you started, and I can say that all the Trustees in my 4-year involvement with Bedwell Rangers have certainly done that.

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Events & Fundraising report – Glen Storey

Wow, what another amazing year of Events & Fundraising for Bedwell Rangers. The below is just snapshot of the amazing achievements everyone has made a contribution to 2022

Starting with last year's June presentation. The was the first one at Nobel school and it was a great success. It had a smoother feel to the day and created better circulation space to allow teams to purchase club Merchandise, food and drink, take pictures and enjoy the outdoor area before and after their award sessions. This event generated £933.25 into the club fundraising pot.

September 10th was the Clubs 3rd annual and very popular Golf Day held once again at Knebworth Golf Course. We always have great attendance to this event, held at a fantastic venue. This is an opportunity to use a different kind of ball..... Thank you to everyone that supported this event, as you helped raise an amazing amount of money - £3,876.76 This is an increase of £264.53 from last year's event. So, a huge Well done!

November 26th was Drag Queen bingo, an event funded by the club as a thank you to all officials who take their time to volunteer for the club. There were multiple games of bingo played with a twist, as I'm sure you can tell by the event title, where cash prizes were up for grab and including raffle prizes. This is the first type of event of this nature and feedback was positive.

December 5th – Back to Gravity for another year of fun for all the players of Bedwell, an opportunity to get together prior to the Christmas break. The event is always well attended, and the players have an amazing time. 2023

March 4th – Quiz night. Always a popular event, so this year we decided to seek a larger venue and was held at the Oval Community Centre. With a record 18 teams in attendance, we saw an increased atmosphere and friendly competitiveness as teams competed their way to top spot answering our ever challenging and interesting questions. We even had our very own Bedwell bar with a variety of drinks at competitive prices. This event raised a massive £1,067.25

May 13th – hosted at the CIU Club – another annual and very popular Race Night where both adults and children can come along for some family fun. A great way to cheer on your favourite horse or pig as we had a cameo pig race this time round. This event generated £1112.93 for the club which doubled on last year's total of £522.44

There was also several events throughout the year where Bedwell volunteers got involved outside the club, such as the London to Brighton cycle ride in September. Support is always welcomed for these individuals or teams that take part, as it helps to raise the profile of Bedwell as a whole.

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We look forward to seeing you all at the presentation day. Of course, there is the raffle to get involved in if you have not done so already. In addition, there will be merchandise for sale.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Bedwells fundraising activities and events over the past year. From organising or attending your support, enthusiasm and dedication has contributed to another successful year. If you are interested in supporting any of the fund-raising events, or have any suggestions please contact me.

2022/23		
June 11 th	Presentation day	£933.25
September 16 th	Golf Day - Knebworth	£3,876.76
March 4 th	Quiz Night	£,1067.25
May 13 th	Race Night	£1,112.93
Total		£6,990.19



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Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees and members of Bedwell Rangers Football Club – Charity Number 1131242
for the year ended 31 May 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 15.**

Respective responsibilities of officers and examiners

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts to ensure that they have been prepared in accordance with general accounting principles and to state whether any matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club 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 officers 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Neil Heyes FCA
Independent Examiner
Rayner Essex
Chartered Accountants
Faulkner House
Victoria Street
St Albans
Hertfordshire
AL1 3SE

Date 22 December 2023

Accounts

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Charity Information

Charity Name -

Bedwell Rangers Football Club

Charity Number -

1131242

Website Address -

<https://www.bedwellrangersfc.com/>

Public Address -

67 Whomerley Road, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1SS

Trustees

Neil Finch (Chair)
Gary Dempsey
Susan Penn – Resigned June 2022
Peter Webber – Resigned June 2022
Nicola George
Sharon McLean
Jon Pace
Warren Kennedy
Jason Caplen – Resigned November 2022
Glen Storey – Appointed June 2022
Garry Worton – Appointed June 2022
Christopher Budden – Appointed October 2022

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Chairman's Report – Neil Finch

Firstly, I want to record my appreciation for all the hard work done by my fellow trustees during the past year. They all put in an amazing amount of time, effort, and energy into everything they do behind the scenes to enable the club to run as smoothly as it does. I want to give a special mention to two of the trustees who are stepping down from their roles after years of service to the club. Sue Penn and Pete Webber have been integral in the running of the club during their time as trustees at a time when the club has grown at a great rate. I wish them well and I'm sure we will still see them around the club and at club events.

The work of the trustees would be for nothing if we didn't have such a fantastic army of volunteers giving up their time to act as managers, coaches and fulfilling all the other vital roles that make football teams possible. The effort and commitment they demonstrate week in and week out is really appreciated by myself and by the hundreds of parents and young people to whom they are so important.

One of the resulting challenges of the covid pandemic is the fact that we haven't been able to get coaches and officials together for the past couple of years. Next season I want to make sure that all our volunteers become more part of the club and attend meetings and events, so we all get to know each other much better, this is vital if we are to maintain a club with everyone pulling in the same direction.

I think the decision last year to limit fees to just £50 for all existing players was a great thing for the club to do at a time when many people had financial worries caused by the pandemic. This gave us many challenges but I'm proud at the way the club managed finances and the amount of fundraising done to help overcome those challenges. So a big thank you to all those who assisted with the organising of events and to those who supported them by attending.

My biggest frustration continues to be the lack of facilities within the town. We look on enviously at clubs in the surrounding areas within Hertfordshire as they are provided with funding and support from the FA and their local authorities to obtain or improve facilities and have venues they can call home. Unfortunately, we live in a town with an embarrassing lack of sporting facilities and those with the power to make things better don't care. Five years ago, the FA said Stevenage was three 3g pitches short of what was required for the size of the town and that this area was due to receive grants. Since then nothing has changed except more and more homes are being built making the need for more facilities greater than ever. In conversations with the local authority the excuses I have heard for the reasons that we can't be given a location where a 3g pitch could be built have been ridiculous and there is an obvious lack of will to support us or any other sports clubs within the town. We are currently providing football for over 700 players from every section of the community, all done by the effort of unpaid volunteers. I believe this is taken for granted by those who have the power to make things better and they simply don't care. It's a sad state of affairs that we have approximately 300 children on our waiting list and we are at the point where if a child isn't playing in one of our teams by the age of u8 it is likely that they are too late and will never get the opportunity to be part of a team. The fact that ourselves and the other football clubs in the town manage to provide football at all despite the lack of support is great testament to all those involved.

Going forward I want us to be able to continue to offer football to as many children as possible and we will leave no stone unturned as we attempt to do just that.

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Club Secretary Report – Sharon McLean

Finally, a completed season! I'm sure we can all agree that it's been great having a full season of football after the last two seasons. And what a season it has been, we've had lots of division winners alongside cup winners. It has been great knowing despite the uncertainty in the past both boys and girls have come back fighting harder than before.
Congratulations to all those teams.

Unfortunately, we have received quite a few fines from both managers and players this season, which hopefully we can try avoid this next season!!!

I have also been lucky to be part of the fundraising team again this year, and have been involved in the great events that have happened. I would like to thank everyone involved with the fundraising and made it possible for us to get back to holding these wonderful fun events. I look forward to being involved in next seasons events.

Next season I will be taking in referee refunds for managers and coaches. I am looking forward to this.

I would like to thank all the coaches and managers that selflessly give up their time to give all the youths the opportunity to play a sport which they love. Without you we would not be the fantastic club we are.

Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for all their help and support over this season. I am grateful to be part of the Bedwell Rangers FC family.

Treasurers Report – Sue Penn

This year has been another great year for Bedwell, the club has again seen growth in both players and teams, with varying successes throughout the year.

I have held the position of Treasurer for the club since 2014 but due to changing work commitments, I am stepping down for the coming season, this will conclude 12 years at the club, first joining as a parent, then Match Day delegate before becoming a trustee and the Treasurer. I leave the club in the very capable hands of the remaining trustees and hand over the mantle of Treasurer to Gary Dempsey, with the help of Sharon McLean, and with that, a solid financial grounding for the future. My thanks especially to Gary for the invaluable support throughout this season, taking over the production and co-ordination of the accounts. I would like to thank all those that volunteer at the club; the coaches, managers, parents and trustees, all of whom play a key part in the success that has been Bedwell Rangers and who make BRFC a club to be proud of.

Below are Draft Accounts for Season 2021/22 which are subject to finalisation together with proposed budgets for 2022/23

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Bedwell Rangers Football Club - Charity number 1131242
Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement
1st June 2021- 31st May 2022

2020-2021		2021-2022
Income		
40,229.82	Membership Fees	19,117.69
41,871.86	Playing & Training Income	35,504.27
6,955.00	Sponsorship	8,615.00
85.78	Misc Income	118.66
6,469.68	Gift Aid	7,098.08
-	Presentation Day	50.00
217.00	Fines repaid	513.00
-	Donations	1,675.00
-	Pay to Play	6,975.00
3,360.00	Grants	1,000.00
1,004.05	Team Fundraising	
-	Club Fundraising	13,278.24
-	KC Sports refund	228.37
19.09	Bank Interest	3.03
100,212.28	Total Income	94,176.34
Expenditure		
660.64	Administration	827.90
1,297.50	Courses	677.50
400.00	CRB/First Aid/Safe	2,271.00
15,296.04	Kit & Equipment	25,908.85
2,578.80	Officials Kit	5,338.24
3,247.95	Presentation Day	4,766.87
788.67	Club Insurance (inc Trustees)	751.56
1,927.32	Registration Admin	1,401.07
1,290.00	League Registrations	2,147.50
126.07	Misc Expenditure	10.10
27,612.99	Sub-total Administration costs	44,100.59
11,703.75	Sponsorship Expenditure	4,742.13
100.00	Donations	-
277.00	Fines	937.75
24,832.19	School Training Fees	46,360.04
1,653.10	Council Fees	3,393.85
3,846.00	Referees Fees	8,235.50
322.00	Registration refunds	240.00
1,429.49	Team Fundraising	175.01
-	Club fundraising	8,439.46
71,776.52	Total Expenditure	116,624.33
28,435.76	Net Income/Expenditure	-£22,447.99

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Bedwell Rangers Football Club - Charity number 1131242
Consolidated Balance Sheet
1st June 2021- 31st May 2022

2020-21		2021-22
	General Funds	
37,421.84	Opening Balance b/f	66,918.75
29,496.91	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 26,679.92
(654.80)	Transfer to Team Fund raising	-
-	Transfer from Club Fund raising	9,000.00
66,918.75	Closing balance	49,238.83
	Club Savings Account	
30,292.46	Opening Balance b/f	30,311.55
19.09	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	3.03
30,311.55	Closing balance	30,314.58
	Club Fund Raising Account	
5,501.42	Opening Balance b/f	5,501.42
-	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	3,614.10
	Transfer to General funds	(9,000.00)
	Transfer from General Funds	
	Transfer from Team Fundraising	135.01
5,501.42	Closing balance	250.53
	Team Fund Raising Account	
1,686.23	Opening Balance b/f	1,260.79
(425.44)	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(40.00)
	Transfer to Club Fund Raising	(135.01)
1,260.79	Closing balance	1,085.78
	Being	
66,192.95	Current Account	£49,030.16
-	Uncashed cheques	-
30,314.58	Savings Account	30,314.58
71.00	Petty Cash Balance	71.00
96,578.53		79,415.74
1,686.23	Team Fundraising A/C	1,085.78
5,501.42	Club Fundraising A/C	250.83
	Club Fundraising Petty Cash	137.37
103,766.18	Total Funds Available	80,889.72

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Income

Budget

Registrations Income	105,000
Sponsorship	10,500
Misc Income	500
Gift Aid	1,000
Fines Repaid	500
Donations	750
Grants	1,000
Club Fundraising inc presentation	4,000
Pay to play	6,000
Reserves	7,000

£136,250

Expenditure

Budget

Administration	1,000	
Courses	1,500	
CRB/First Aid/Safe	2,000	
Donations	250	
Equipment - Club	3,000	
General Kit	24,000	
Sponsorship Kit	2,000	
Managers Kit	1,000	All kit £30000
Fines	1,000	
Insurance	1,500	
League Registrations	5,000	This is an estimate
Pitch Fees	10,000	
School Pitch Fees/Training	60,000	
Presentation Events	8,000	Main Awards 2022/Prep 2023
Referees Fees	11,000	Approx £1200 a month
Misc Expenditure	1,000	
Registration Admin	2,500	based on estimated 2.5%
Coaches portal	1,250	
CRY	-	Delayed post June 2023

£136,000

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Registration Secretary – Gary Dempsey

Last season we ended the season with 679 players, which once again is a considerable increase from the previous season. The numbers would have been higher had we not lost a U13 squad during the season.

This does not include all the Pay to Play players that we have provided training sessions to. I estimate that we with our registered players, this club has provided some form of football to 900 players last season and Neil and Nicky and all of the coaches that have supported this operation need to be congratulated on their fantastic efforts throughout the season.

The following shows the breakdown of player numbers

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18
Girls	197	192	168	196	179
Ladies	17	0	15*	15	20
Boys	401	376	300	313	305
Inclusive	42	38	31	32	37
VETS	22	21	-	-	-

Squad numbers for all ages have increased, and I expect this trend to continue next season. Table below shows details of players per correct age group, teams playing up a year are shown in correct age band.

GIRLS		BOYS	
U4/5/6	11	U5/U6	9
U7	5	U7	41
U8	16	U8	23
U9	12	U9	20
U10	13	U10	61
U11	20	U11	50
U12	28	U12	40
U13	12	U13	38
U14	33	U14	20
U15	16	U15	48
U16	15	U16	34
U17	16	U18	17
	197		401
Ladies	17	Inclusive	42
VETS	22		

As with last season, to ensure a clean set of records we decided to reset all data on the registration portal. At the time of writing more parents agreed to gift aid their registration fees.

The work needed for the Whole Game System during July and August was immense with registrations a considerable time due to so called upgrades. This has settled during the season, and I expect an easier summer.

Registrations will begin in the first week in July, all players must register, and new photos will be required for all players. Do not cheat the system and send photos that you took years ago. It is a shame other clubs do not

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update their photos and I often see players who are transferring where their photo is at least 5 years out of date!

Registrations fees will return to previous levels, and we will need to increase fees to maintain kit, pay match fees and provide training. I suspect that we will increase the number of periods that parents can pay their fees next season and I will speak to Neil about this. But I suspect more parents will default on their fees and this could result in players being suspended. As a result of this threat, we collected over 99.3% of fees due.

Please remember a few simple rules, all players need photos, all new players need photos and proof of ID. New registrations do not automatically mean a player can play in a league. Therefore, team sheets will be needed for each match, I issue these when I have a full squad. But managers can access the whole game system and print their own sheets, please ask any manager who is familiar with this process, it avoids the 9am panic when I have to try and find a team sheet at short notice.

Kit and Equipment Officer/Minutes Secretary – Jon Pace

First off, I'd like to apologise to anyone related to the club, if they feel that Kit and Equipment has been poorly managed this season, I can assure everyone this isn't for the want of trying or lack of effort. Supply issues have again been crippling this season, and as an end user this magnifies any of these problems. This isn't an isolated issue related to our suppliers, but an industry wide problem. I've spoken to many people in the industry and hear the same stories regarding grassroots kit supplies for many household named brands.

As a club we also appreciate that a three-year kit cycle can be hard to manage for both managers and parents alike as children grow at different rates and can be hard to predict growth spurts especially within the older age groups. The vast majority do manage this well and this in part allows us to keep registration fees relatively low. This is something the Trustees have actively spoken about, and we will look to make it easier for parents to replace any kit at their own costs.

Due to a change in work circumstance, I have taken the decision to step away from the role as Kit and Equipment officer and as such these roles will be split between officials' kit, team kit and equipment. Going forward, we have started to build up a stock of kit which will hopefully start to alleviate some of the supply issues that have dogged us since the pandemic hit, however this won't stop all the problems.

Thanks go to Nicky, Warren and all the staff at KC Sports who have worked hard to sort out many of the problems that have occurred.

As Minutes Secretary, I am lucky enough to be able to read all the Trustees reports whilst compiling ahead of the AGM, and pay tribute to the hard work and dedication they put in, not only to their individual roles but collectively as a team, many roles within the club overlap each other so teamwork is key. Both Sue Penn and Peter Webber have been superb servants to the club both as Trustees and in their roles which both have huge amounts of responsibilities, and this season we've welcomed aboard Jason Caplen to the Head of Boys role and Glen Storey to the Fundraising role, both have come in with a fresh view on things which is how a Charity such as ours should be run.

As a Trustee, coach and parent I get to see how much good work goes on at every level of the club and we have so many successes that we probably don't shout loud enough about. The Youth Forum is something to be so proud about this season they've put together the Neon Parties which were so well received at Christmas, helped out with how Junior Coaching should look and have also set-up the interclub tournament which raised around £400 for charities which are close to people in and around the Bedwell family.

On the morning I write this report, I received a phone call before breakfast asking me if I could open up one of our facilities so that line markings could be refreshed. The company that provides this service are local and don't charge us a lot of money for the service, and his reasoning for this is something which is so true to why so many of us get involved in with the club and that was '*Someone did it for me as a kid and looking back I am so grateful*'. I thought this summed up Grassroots football brilliantly.

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Fixtures and Pitch Co-Ordinator – Peter Webber

This was my fourth and final season in the role and saw us return to football without the need for Covid controls and for the first time in 2 seasons as full season without lockdown interruptions.

In the summer we added our fourth school to our training offering with the addition of Barclay Academy on Wednesday and Thursday nights meaning we could continue the play and play sessions at Nobel with space for any new teams formed to train.

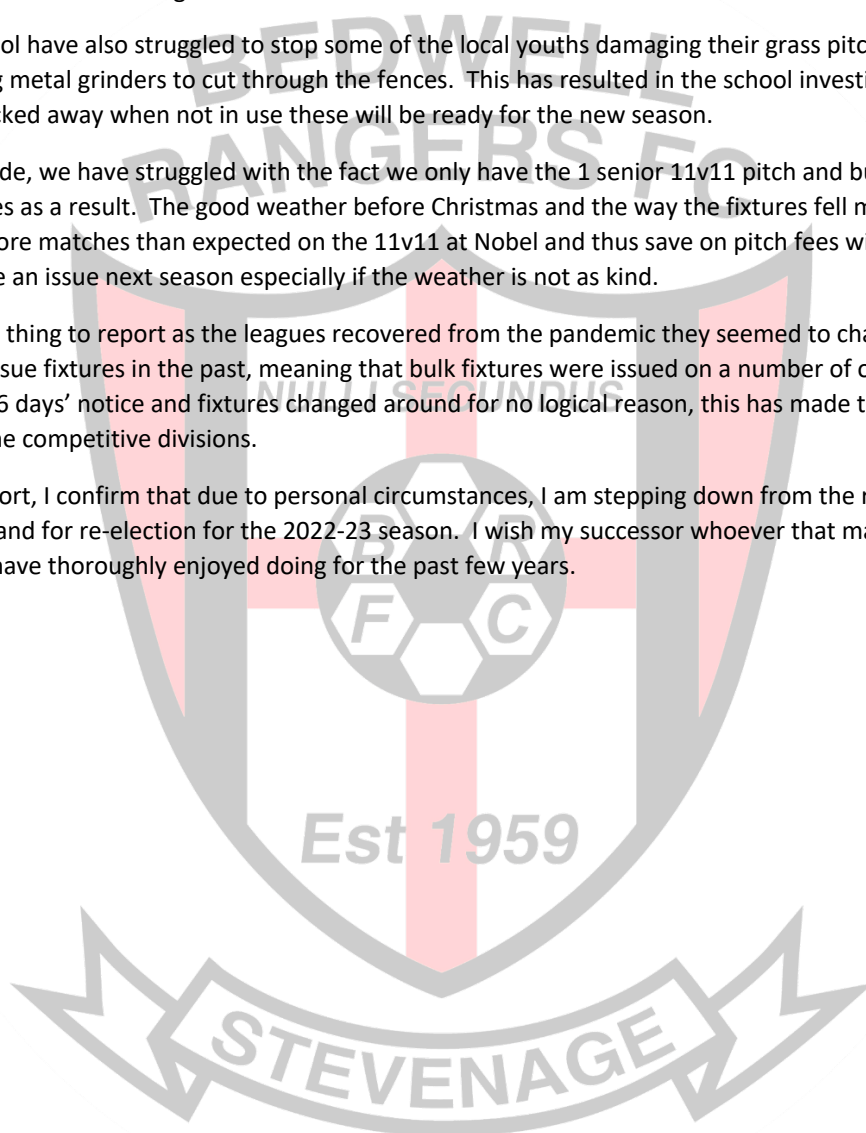
We still have several logistical issues at all venues primarily around parking and we need to continue to provide reminders to managers and parents to make sure club members only park in marked bays and only disabled bays when a blue badge is shown.

Marriotts school have also struggled to stop some of the local youths damaging their grass pitch facilities including using metal grinders to cut through the fences. This has resulted in the school investing in new goals that can be locked away when not in use these will be ready for the new season.

On the pitch side, we have struggled with the fact we only have the 1 senior 11v11 pitch and budgeted to use council facilities as a result. The good weather before Christmas and the way the fixtures fell meant we were able to play more matches than expected on the 11v11 at Nobel and thus save on pitch fees with the council. This will still be an issue next season especially if the weather is not as kind.

The only other thing to report as the leagues recovered from the pandemic they seemed to change to how they used to issue fixtures in the past, meaning that bulk fixtures were issued on a number of occasions with late with only 6 days' notice and fixtures changed around for no logical reason, this has made the job harder especially in the competitive divisions.

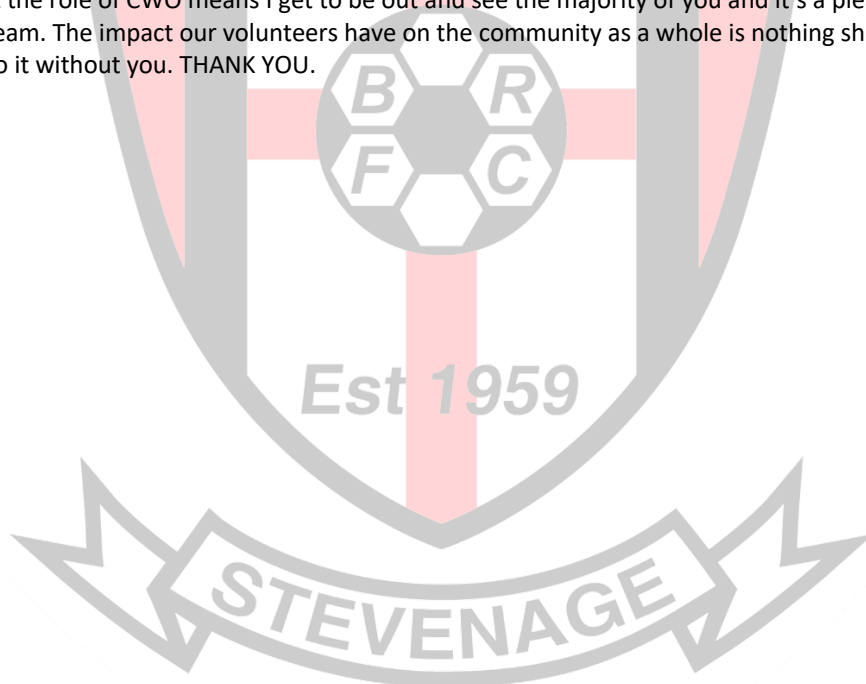
To end my report, I confirm that due to personal circumstances, I am stepping down from the role at the AGM and will not stand for re-election for the 2022-23 season. I wish my successor whoever that may be the best of luck in a job I have thoroughly enjoyed doing for the past few years.



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Child Welfare Office – Nicky George

This season has been a resounding success in terms of numbers. We tipped 700 players for the first time ever this year and personally I couldn't be prouder of this achievement. However, this comes with its own challenges. From a personal point of view, this has generated 89 DBS checks. Around 150 volunteers where we need to make sure they are fully equipped to support their team with safeguarding and first aid courses/qualifications. A growing team gives us a growing reliance on our processes and procedures as well. This, coupled with the qualifications mentioned above means that the club is now seeking a Governance Officer. This role will be an extra support not only for the qualifications piece, but will also ensure that we have the right policies in place to support members and volunteers alike. Behaviour We've had a handful of issues in the past season. All with mixed outcomes, but all with lessons learned. For example, we have had a handful of incidents on the side-lines where supporters have been overly vocal with players, coaches, opposition or more commonly the referee. We are a grassroots club. I understand that passions run high, however, there is no place within BRFC for poor behaviour. Did you know that BRFC can (and do) get fined for not controlling their side-lines? Or you can personally gain a ban from Herts FA? The children just want to play football. Let them. Because of this, I am hoping that next season we can implement and embed club values. This will of course be in line with our codes of conduct and compliment things such as the FAs Respect campaign. I would ask that when this is launched that you support us throughout. YOUTH FORUM Our (YF) is full of exceptional individuals and I'm delighted to be part of it. However, in order to keep going the great work they have started, we really need new members. In September we will be hosting a big recruitment drive for this group in order to continue. During this year the YF delivered a 'level one' for our Junior Coaches along with another session in January embedding our learnings. Sadly, due to my own personal workloads, I've handed this over to Head of Boys, Jason Caplan who is going to continue to support this initiative ensuring the Junior Coaches are mentored and being developed. As ever, huge thanks to James Donkin of JD Football Academy who has supported us throughout and provided the training. I always sign off with a big shout out to our volunteers. I'm very lucky that the role of CWO means I get to be out and see the majority of you and it's a pleasure to be part of this wider team. The impact our volunteers have on the community as a whole is nothing short of fabulous. We couldn't do it without you. THANK YOU.



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Head of Boys – Jason Caplen

Quite a mixed time for me undertaking this role, it has not quite been a year that I have been in role and there is a lot to take in. My first observation was just how busy the trustees are, there is a lot of free time given up making things work.

So, the first thing we did was to try and change the structure of managers meetings, to make them more engaging. Uptake has been ok, but could do with more participation, hopefully this will increase next season and people will see the benefit. The development sessions are for everyone, and feedback is key to improving these. In all honesty, I have not achieved all that I wanted to in the timeframe, but this is now starting to settle down.

What we have managed to achieve – we have addressed the problems that managers raised at the first meeting, because of this, a Managers Portal has been set up and we are just checking the documentation to be uploaded. This will include, a manager's directory, who needs to be contacted for what, first aid locations at pitches, routes to A&E, standard email for claiming referee fees, standard letter to be handed to parents that "overstep" their boundaries and what is expected of them. In addition, we have had a couple of practical sessions on attacking and defending, and a great session on how to get the message across to players. There are more sessions lined up that will be appearing on Spond.

There have been a few issues involving parents, players or coaches, but working together with everyone involved these have been resolved and everyone has moved forward.

Future focus will be on discipline, there have been several fines and cards, some unavoidable, some unfair and some that should not have happened. We do need to address this, and we will set up some sessions to manage this next season.

I am also now working with the Club Captains and will be working more closely with the Junior Coaches. Added to this, I will also be looking for volunteers to become development officers, please contact me if this is something you would be interested in.

Finally, thanks for everyone's support, and do please reach out if there is something you want to discuss.

Head of Ladies and Girls – Neil Finch

The demand for female football has never been greater and the game continues to grow at all levels. It's so good to see the number of players that want to join the club as well as the number of girls playing at other clubs in the area. I'd like to thank all the coaches and officials of our ladies' and girls' teams for the great efforts they have shown during the past year to make this possible.

We now have many girls starting to play football at the club as young as three years old and I'd like to increase the focus on these really young age groups. As with the boys teams the biggest challenge is getting parents to step forward and volunteer to look after teams as they reach the age when they should be playing matches and finding enough training slots. Another focus is at the other end of the age scale and I'd like to do what we can to maintain the Ladies team, this has always been hugely tough due to the difficulties in keeping a large enough squad once girls go off to university or have other commitments at weekends.

It's also noted that the vast majority of Junior Coaches are girls as are the members of our amazing Youth Forum. It's great to see them putting something back into the club and leading the way when it comes to having a say in the future.

I'm looking forward to seeing successes continue on and off the football pitch for the ladies and girls at the club.

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Sponsorship Officer – Warren Kennedy

Another exciting season has come to a close which saw Bedwell Rangers FC sponsorship partners continue to support.

We exit 2021/22 season with a total of 27 (49 teams) with active sponsors.

It should be noted that the entire club benefits from any sponsorship support received and not just the team carrying the sponsors logo; therefore, if you are a manager of a squad that is unsponsored, I urge you to assign yourself a goal of identifying and obtaining a sponsor (2 years) for the coming season. It should be the collective goal of the entire club to have all teams/squads at least assigned to a single sponsor.

Enjoy the summer, and please ensure that any interested party who are looking to support and sponsor a real grassroots team are directed for my attention.

Teams Currently Sponsored

BOAS	B	U10	AARON HATTAM	BIG G LOGISTICS
CORINTHIANS	B	U10	STEVE GEORGIU	Anderson Homes
CRUZEIRO	B	U10	AARON GEORGE	KC SPORTS
PALMERIAS	B	U10	MARK FORSDYKE	The Bombay Restaurant
SANTOS	B	U10	PAUL COOK	Aztek
ROMA	B	U11	GARRY WORTON	Fenton TM
TORINO	B	U11	GARY CUTHBERT	Grange Developments
JUVE	B	U12	JASON CAPLEN	PAINTERS HANDYMAN SERVICES
REAL	B	U12	ROBERT PALMER	Air Cool Engineerimng
ALBION	B	U13	GLEN STOREY	Truck Care
U15S	B	U15	CRAIG MCGREGOR	W MCGREGOR ELECTRICAL LIMITED
JPL	B	U15	CRAIG MCGREGOR	W MCGREGOR ELECTRICAL LIMITED
PANTHERS	B	U15	DAN CURTIN	Taylor and Stapleton
GALAXY	B	U16	JOHN HEMMINGS	HIREBASE
DRAGONS	G	U8	ROSS RANDALL	LS Fabrications
PHOENIX	G	U8	ROSS RANDALL	LS Fabrications
DRAGONS	G	U10	WARREN DAY	Primis Installations LTD
DRAGONS	G	U11	STUART MORRISON	Lemsford Building and Construction Limited
PHOENIX	G	U11	GARY YOUNG	Lemsford Building and Construction Limited
ATHLETICO	G	U12	GARY GOODFELLOW	HERTS BOUNCY CASTLES
DRAGONS	G	U13	NEIL FINCH	LS Fabrications
DRAGONS	G	U14	JAMES FLYNN	Rayner Essex
AMAZONS	G	u15	BARRY VIGAR	Jardak Services Ltd
COMETS	G	U16	DAVE ARMSTRONG	Walton Homes
REDS	G	U17	HEIDI NASH	Ace Hose
DEVILS	INC	U12	BRYAN PRENTICE	Carbon Rewind
SISU	INC	U16	BRYAN PRENTICE	Gibbs and Dandy

Sponsorship Offer

- £695 for 2 years paid in one instalment
- Logo on home and away shirts
- Sponsorship announced via email to all club members - approx. 675
- Sponsorship announced on club website
- Sponsorship announced on clubs social media platforms; Twitter 1008 followers, Facebook 790 followers, Instagram 229 followers
- Sponsors logo permanently in the clubs sponsors 'story' on the clubs Instagram homepage
- Monthly profile of sponsor on all clubs social media platforms and tagged in on posts about the sponsored team
- Logo with link on sponsors page and team page on the club website
- Sponsors logo in monthly/bi-monthly newsletter emailed to all members with opportunity to advertise member offers etc.
- Logo in club's end of season presentation programme
- Framed photograph of sponsored team
- Sponsored team receive club sweatshirts/rain jackets
- Additional sponsorship opportunities at club events



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Events & Fundraising report – Glen Storey

This is the first year for me in the role of Events and Fund Raising, taking over the role from Nicky George. 2021 saw the covid restrictions lifting, looking to the latter part of the year to organise and host our most popular events again.

August kicked the events off with the Club 100, usual format with three prizes to be won. This is a good form of fundraising for the club, raising a sum of £398.82

2021

September 24th was our popular Golf Day held at Knebworth Golf Course. We always have great attendance to this event, held at a fantastic venue, breaking away from football for the day! An amazing amount of money raised at this event - £3612.23

October 16th – back to Timebridge for the popular quiz night – lots of fun, great friendly competition and always challenging and interesting questions. We raised £329.50 at this event.

As we moved towards Christmas, the focus of events was for the players – with the Youth Coaches arranging a neon party and a session for each team at Gravity.

November 27th – Neon Party – held at The Oval Community Centre, three parties for the relevant ages. With activities, music and dancing – the Youth Forum hosted a fantastic afternoon/evening for our players. A successful event which I am sure will be carried through this year, raising an amazing amount of £566.15

December 9th – Gravity – sessions for each team, together with food and drink – always an enjoyable time and a great countdown to Christmas.

2022

Five months into the year already and we have had two successful events already, with more planned to take us up to the end of the year.

February 19th – hosted at the CIU Club – a popular Race Night where both adults and children can come along for some family fun. Another successful fundraising evening, raising a total of £522.44

March 26th – back to Timebridge for another Quiz night. Again, some fierce competition from the teams, close scoring and another great event raising £307.00

May - the Youth Forum arranged a mini festival – made up of teams from age groups U6's to U11s. All the players enjoyed themselves, there was some good football on display and great to get these age groups into some competitive football. £390.00 was raised, to be split between the two chosen charities supported.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Bedwells fundraising activities over the past year. Your support has helped up to purchase some very special Bedwell merchandise, and we currently have umbrellas and towels for sale at £ 15 an umbrella and £10 a towel. If you would like to purchase any Bedwell merchandise, these will be available at the Presentation Day, or please speak to your team manager for more information.

As we move further into the year, we look forward to Presentation Day, the annual raffle and further events to be announced

If you are interested in supporting any of the fund-raising events, or have any suggestions please contact me.

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2021		
August	Club 100	£398.82
September 24 th	Golf Day - Knebworth	£3612.23
October 16th	Quiz Night	£329.50
November 27th	Youth Forum Neon Disco	£566.15
December 9th	Gravity	£9.61
Total		£4916.31

2022		
February 19th	Race Night	£522.44
March 26th	Quiz Night	£307.00
Total		£829.44

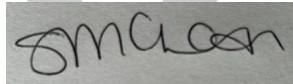
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Neil Finch – Chair

Dated – 1 March 2023



Sharon McLean - Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees and members of Bedwell Rangers Football Club – Charity Number 1131242 for the year ended 31 May 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of officers and examiners

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts to ensure that they have been prepared in accordance with general accounting principles and to state whether any matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

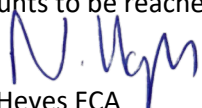
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as officers concerning any such matters. The 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Neil Heyes FCA
Independent Examiner

Rayner Essex
Chartered Accountants
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Date 30 March 2023

Accounts

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Charity Information

Charity Name - Bedwell Rangers Football Club

Charity Number - 1131242

Website Address - <https://www.bedwellrangersfc.com/>

Public Address - 67 Whomerley Road, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1SS

Trustees (as at 01/06/20) Neil Finch (Chair)
Gary Dempsey
Susan Penn
Peter Webber
Nicola George
Sharon McLean
Jon Pace
Warren Kennedy

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Chairman's Report – Neil Finch

The end of another season during which every aspect of all of our lives has been affected by the ongoing pandemic. You might of thought that with the season put on hold a couple of times due to covid restrictions there would have been less going on and times when there was not much work going on behind the scenes when in fact the opposite was true and as always I want to record my appreciation for all the amazing work done by my fellow trustees. The time, effort and emotion put into everything they all do is incredible. It's not just the time they give but their professionalism that enables the club to function. I'm sometimes frustrated by people within the club be it parents or officials who believe that things just happen and have no appreciation of what is involved because if they did I'm sure they would be much more understanding of how difficult things are made by not supporting the coaches of the teams, not responding to emails or having to be chased for information or registration payments. Fortunately, this frustration is far outweighed by the satisfaction of seeing the smiling faces of the young people at the club as they enjoy the game while making friendships and learning so many life skills.

The smiles on the faces of the players and their loved ones are all put there by the managers, coaches and officials of all our teams. The time, effort and commitment all these people show is what enables us to provide so much for so many in our community. Never underestimate the effect these people are having on the lives of the children in their teams and vice versa. We have many coaches who have been with us for a long time and lots who are new and just starting their coaching journey; they all have my appreciation and admiration.

The standing of Bedwell Rangers within the community remains as high as ever and coming out of lockdown has resulted in a huge rise in the number of children who want to start playing football at the club with applications averaging more than 2 a day resulting in a current waiting list of approximately 200 children. It's never been more important for us to rise to the challenge of giving playing opportunities to as many of these children as we possibly can. In the last few months, I've been coaching about 100 children a week and I've seen a big increase in the number of children who seem to be struggling emotionally and mentally. While we aren't trained to fully deal with these issues, I'm 100% sure that spending time with friends and playing football benefits them all immensely. To provide opportunities for all those who want to play football requires just two things, a place to play and a coach to coach them. Our main focus for the past few months has been to increase the training slots available to us. No stone has been left unturned, but demand far outweighs supply and there is no doubt the town is woefully short of facilities meaning our options are very limited. However, we will be doing our very best to make sure we can secure what we can. We have longer term plans and I'm sure the future will be bright for the club.

We are more than just a football club and I believe we are second to none when it comes to what we provide. A great example of this is the Youth Forum headed up by Nicky and the recent Junior Coaches Level 1 Coaching Course is a demonstration of the great additional things we can do for the benefit of the amazing young people in the club. In the coming months I want to build on the pre-Covid momentum we had with regard to social and fundraising events and I'm looking forward to seeing as many people involved as possible.

I don't want to forget that during the past year there have been some very sad times and loved ones have been lost which has affected many people within the club. My heart goes out to everyone who has had to endure loss and sadness during these unprecedented times. As a club we are always there to offer any support we can.

There is no doubt that we have some huge challenges ahead, but I know the Bedwell Rangers Family will come together to drive us forward to even bigger and better things.

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Secretary's Report – Sharon McLean

Well what a season! COVID has once again given us another season of uncertainty, with a stop start season! Another null and voided season for majority of leagues but was ended with 8 great weeks of football, with a great final from our U14 JPL team.

I personally had great pleasure going out and watching teams training and playing matches in those 8 weeks, seeing the children and adults back doing what they all love and enjoy was truly enjoyable.

Here is hoping 2021/22 season will bring some normality back to football for everyone.

I would like to personally thank all of my fellow trustees for all of their hard work throughout the pandemic, behind the scenes things didn't really stop. I am very lucky to work alongside an amazing team of people who work so hard at everything they do to make this club the successful one that it is.

I would also like to thank all the manager, coaches and assistance for all their support this season, responding to emails and keeping teams together and motivated during uncertain times.

Treasurers Report – Sue Penn

This year has seen a difficult time for families, communities and the economy, and Bedwell Rangers hasn't been immune to any of those impacts. Whilst we haven't been able to provide football on a regular basis, nor enjoy any social events due to the pandemic, we have been financially sound enough to meet the contracted requirements the club are committed to and able to offer significantly reduced registration fees for the 21/22 season for existing players (not owing outstanding fees) due to a reduction in pitch fees / ref fees payable.

Sadly, the coming season will see my last at the club due to personal reasons after 12 years at the club, starting as a parent, then admin and holding the post as Treasurer for the last 7 years. I am delighted to say that a volunteer has already offered to take over my role and this season will see a full handover made in readiness for the future.

On another sad note, the past season has seen the passing of our independent auditor, Tony Grieves. Tony had a long-standing affiliation with Bedwell Rangers with his son Craig, being a player and a trustee for years. He played an instrumental role in the soundness and viability of the club's future and a huge help to me personally, gone but never forgotten.

I would like to thank all those that volunteer at the club; the coaches, managers, parents and trustees, all of whom play a key part in the success that has been Bedwell Rangers since 1959 and whom make BRFC a club to be proud of.

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Please find below the budget for the coming season (2021/22) and the provisional accounts for season 2020/21.

Proposed Budget 2021/22

Income	Proposed 21/22 Budget	20/21 Budget
Registrations	£40,750.00	£72,000.00
Sponsorship	£6,000.00	£5,000.00
Misc. Income	£500.00	£1,500.00
Gift Aid	£6,000.00	£6,000.00
Presentation Day	£0.00	£1,000.00
Fines Repaid	£200.00	£0.00
Donations	£750.00	£1,000.00
Arsenal Tickets	£0.00	£600.00
Grants	£0.00	£2,000.00
Club Fundraising	£3,000.00	£6,500.00
3rd Party Fundraising	£0.00	£0.00
Pay to Play	£3,000.00	£0.00
CRY Reserves	£0.00	£7,500.00
	£60,200.00	£103,100.00
Expenditure	Proposed 21/22 Budget	20/21 Budget
Arsenal Ladies	£0.00	£600.00
Administration	£1,000.00	£750.00
Club Equipment	£2,500.00	£1,500.00
Courses	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
CRB/First Aid/Safe	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Donations	£250.00	£1,000.00
General Kit	£8,000.00	£13,650.00
Sponsorship Kit	£5,000.00	£8,000.00
Managers Kit	£3,000.00	£3,750.00
Fines	£600.00	£750.00
Gift Aid Expenses	£0.00	£100.00
Insurance	£1,000.00	£3,000.00
League Registrations	£1,500.00	£5,000.00
Pitch Fees	£10,000.00	£8,000.00
Presentation 2020	£6,000.00	£7,000.00
Referees Fees	£9,000.00	£7,000.00
Misc. Expenditure	£500.00	£3,500.00
School Pitch Fees / Training	£50,000.00	£29,000.00
CRY	£7,500.00	£7,500.00
Direct Debit Charges	£1,000.00	£0.00
Coaches Portal	£1,250.00	£0.00
	£ 111,100.00	£112,800.00

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Provisional Income and Expenditure Statement

1st June 2020 - 31st May 2021

2019/20		2020/21
£	Income	£
66,265.81	Registrations 2019/20	82,101.68
6,310.00	Sponsorship	6,955.00
2,865.10	Misc. Income	104.87
6,766.76	Gift Aid	6,469.68
561.71	Presentation Day	0.00
80.00	Fines Repaid	217.00
580.00	Donations	0.00
203.00	Arsenal Ladies	0.00
2,400.00	Grants	3,360.00
0.00	Team Fundraising	154.80
3,885.00	60th Ball	0.00
89,417.38	Total Income	99,363.03
	Expenditure	
701.25	Arsenal Ladies	0.00
370.04	Administration	660.64
0.00	Club Equipment	5,531.04
1,145.00	Courses	1,297.50
1,091.00	CRB/First Aid/Safe	400.00
450.00	Donations	100.00
18,055.25	Kit & Equipment	9,919.80
8,018.15	Sponsorship Expenditure	11,703.75
4,476.75	Managers Kit	2,578.80
559.00	Fines	277.00
1,251.53	Insurance	788.67
3,422.50	League Registrations	1,290.00
3,439.94	Council Pitch Fees	1,653.10
29,175.99	School Pitch Fees / Training	24,832.19
110.75	Presentation Day	3,247.95
7,165.00	Referees Fees	3,846.00
3,879.40	Misc. Expenditure	126.07
0.00	Direct Debit Charges	1,927.32
293.33	Registration Refunds	322.00
1,352.25	Team Fundraising	0.00
5,804.77	60th Ball	0.00
90,811.90	Total Expenditure	70,501.83

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-1,394.52	Net Income	28,861.20
General Funds		
69,108.82	Opening Balance b/f Main	67,714.30
-1,394.52	Movement in year Main	28,861.20
67,714.30	Closing balance	96,575.50
Fund Raising Account		
1,819.63	Opening Balance b/f Main	1,686.23
-133.40	Movement in year Fund	-425.44
1,686.23	Closing balance	1,260.79
Club Fund Raising		
0.00	Opening Balance b/f Main	5,501.42
5,501.42	Movement in year Main	0.00
5,501.42	Closing balance	5,501.42
Being		
0.00	Total Outstanding Cheques	
37,350.84	Current Account	66,192.95
30,292.46	Savings Account	30,311.55
1,686.23	Fundraising A/C	1,260.79
5,501.42	Club Fundraising	5,501.42
71.00	Petty Cash Balance	71.00
74,901.95	Total Funds Available	103,337.71

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Registration Secretary – Gary Dempsey

Last season we ended with 627 players, which was a considerable increase from the previous season and was a return to the numbers shown 2 seasons ago. The numbers would have been higher had the ladies' team not folded.

The following shows the breakdown of player numbers

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Girls	192	168	196	179	185
VETS	21	-	-	-	-
Ladies	0	15*	15	20	
Boys	376	300	313	305	341
Inclusive	38	31	32	37	21

Squad numbers have increased, and I expect this trend to continue next season.

GIRLS

U5G	2
U6G	6
U7G	9
U8G	13
U9 Dragons	11
U10 Dragons	16
U11 Athletico	21
U12 Dragons	11
U12 Phoenix	16
U13 Dragons	13
U13 Phoenix	13
U14 Amazons	17
U15 Comets	15
U16 Reds	15
U18D	14
	192

Inclusive

	38
Vets	21

BOYS

U5	24
U6	17
U7 Dortmund	21
U8 Juve	9
U8 Napoli	7
U9 Boas	10
U9 Corinthians	10
U9 Cruzeiro	9
U9 Flamengos	12
U9 Palmerias	10
U9 Santos	10
U10 Lazio	12
U10 Milan	10
U10 Roma	12
U11 Barca	13
U11 Juve	12
U11 Real	12
U12 Albion	11
U12 Athletic	14
U12	
Wanderers	15
U14 Bulldogs	14
U13 Jaguars	17
U14 Panthers	18
U14 Tigers	16
U14 JPL	11
U15 Galaxy	15
U15 Impact	18
U18 Reds	17

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To ensure a clean set of records we decided to reset all data on the registration portal. At the time of writing more parents agreed to gift aid their registration fees.

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The work needed for the Whole Game System during July and August was immense with registrations taking up to 5 minutes per registration. This was due to the under capacity of the WGS, something the FA had apparently resolved, but time will only tell. It is essential that parents realise the importance of supplying correct documentation and photos are provided for all registrations.

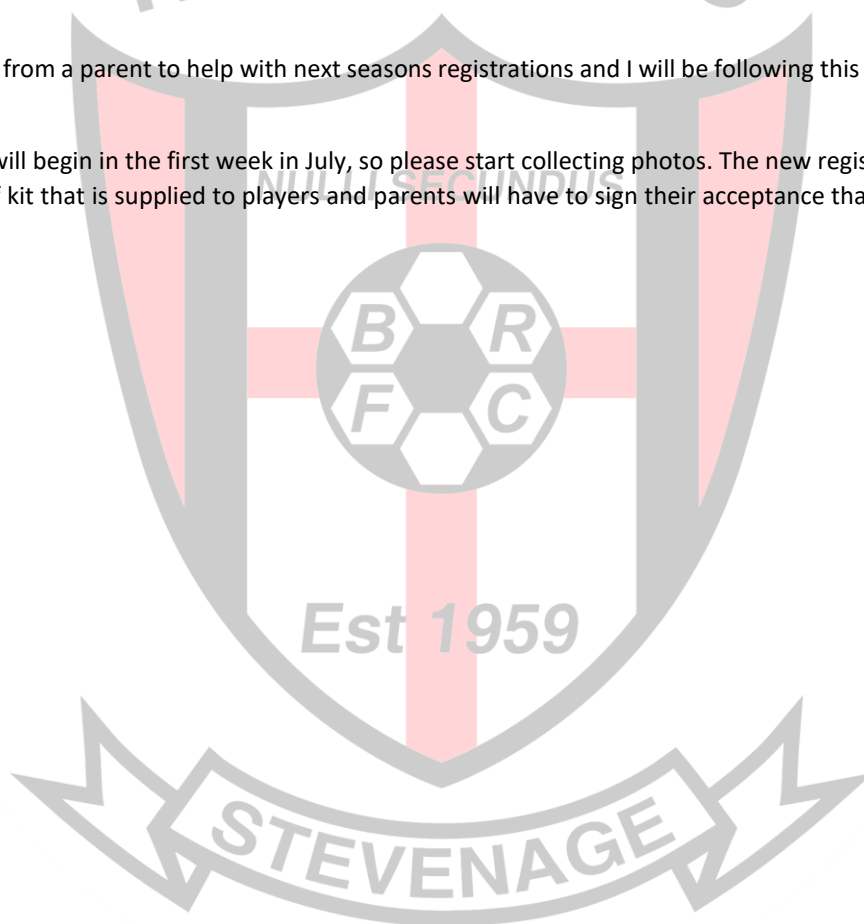
During lock down parents continued to pay their registration fees. This was essential, as it ensured that we were able to maintain payments to contracts that had fixed term payments.

However, we have a serious situation with some parents who have not paid and refuse to acknowledge correspondence. The trustees are aware of a coach and assistant who made no payments and action will be taken to refuse registrations to the children of these parents. Their actions are unreasonable and unfair to parents who have made all payments, even whilst suffering financial difficulties.

The result of parents paying their fees will mean all players who signed last season and paid their fees in full, will now pay a restricted fee in most cases of £50. This will not apply to all squads where expenses are high, but these squad fees will also be greatly reduced, this will only be for one season. Players who registered late last year did not pay in full and all new players will pay the new fees that will increase £10 across the board next season.

I have an offer from a parent to help with next seasons registrations and I will be following this up in the coming weeks.

Registrations will begin in the first week in July, so please start collecting photos. The new registration form will have details of kit that is supplied to players and parents will have to sign their acceptance that kit is owned by the club.



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Kit and Equipment Officer – Jon Pace

Taking over a new role in a worldwide pandemic can only be described as interesting. First off thanks to Craig Grieves for handing over all the information he had for previous years, this at least gave me some confidence as to what my starting point was, and also being available with advice and help as needed in the early days.

I will apologise to all players, parents, sponsors and officials for any delays with regards to kit and supply we have had during this period. Umbro Teamwear have really struggled with kit availability during the pandemic, and although it has improved during 2nd and 3rd lockdowns, it is still far from ideal and lead times for basic kit are far too long for both my and the trustees liking at present. As a club we are working hard to rectify this and in the future periods we will looking to carry more stock of kit where possible.

We are now at the end of the second season of our kit contract with Umbro, and despite the supply issues, as a club we are still happy with the actual kits. One of the initial selling points of the kit we chose is that it is a range that will not go out of date, so by the time we are through the 3rd year of the cycle, we will have lots of spares, so we should be able to patch up team kits, a lot easier than present. We have also taken the decision to change the officials kit this season to a black T-Shirt as opposed to a Polo shirt, due to it being smarter in appearance and also harder wearing.

As kits are on a three year cycle, it is worth reminding everyone including parents, that this is how long the kit should last. When you order kits for your players, you should be reminding the parents of this, whilst it is not an exact science, please do not hesitate to ask any advice on what size kits to order. The club will know from history what sizes teams have ordered in the past and whether it has worked. The other thing we need to drum into parents is that the kit remains property of the club at all times, so if a player leaves the club all kit must be returned without exception.

When I originally took possession of the club storage facility, it was a bit overwhelming to see what the club had hoarded over the years, however thanks to all the Trustees and their families who have helped, clear out, sort out and throw out any unusable old or unsuitable equipment and especially the kids who helped sort out old Joma kit that was donated to Africa via one of our sponsors Ace Hose and Hydraulics. For me this is exactly how a local community charity such as ourselves should be working with local partners and building relationships.

It is my long term aim that we try and re-use as much as we can within the local community and as such, we have already donated several old footballs to Featherstone Wood school after being approached by one of our coaches who was going into the school to coach.

Whilst on schools, it was a pleasure this year to get real high quality goals in place at our new venue at Giles. When you look at the quality of these, it shows what pride we put in building relationships with our venues. I'm confident that you will not find better fixtures and fittings than this at any other Primary school in Stevenage. Thanks to Larry and Dan at Giles for taking the time out of a weekend to help put these goals together, along with several parents from U12 Dragons.

Another long term challenge for myself, is for the club to be able to invest in more equipment, outside the standard equipment that is provided to all managers, so that we could offer out rebound nets, mannequins or similar on a short basis so that managers could take advantage of something like this to vary sessions, however this is a long term aim, and not something we will look at for the forthcoming season due to reduced signing on fees for 2021/22,

One of the other positives this year was to change from bog standard, generic, end of season trophies to personalised medals, the original process was challenging due to Covid, however the feedback I received on these was excellent, and feel these gave a more rewarding end of season memento. Plans are now well underway for the current season.

After the success of this, the club will soon be moving into a little bit of Bedwell Rangers merchandise, whilst the club will hopefully turn a small profit on this activity I would like to really see our logo out there in the

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community. This will be starting out with Umbrellas and Towels, and hopefully moving onto hats/beanies before the winter. If anyone has any other ideas on what the club could look at selling in future, please let me know. The club have already liaised with the youth forum for ideas.

For the upcoming season, all managers who will be going up a size in football will be contacted in due course about swapping over your current balls. Your old balls will all need to be returned, so we can recycle any balls in good condition within the club, or donate these elsewhere as appropriate. If you are in need of any other items such as First Aid Kits or Ice Packs please let me know. Teams who are due are in line for a new kit emails will go out once the registration portal opens and we can confirm teams are viable.

Thanks to everyone who has made this role an enjoyable position in my first year, it is a demanding, time-consuming role, but like the majority of things relating to Grassroots football, the positives far outweigh the negatives. A personal highlight of mine is to see how many of our youngest players that we have put in Bedwell kit for the first ever time. Seeing a sea of Red at training with the youngest female players on Thursday night is really rewarding.



Fixtures and Pitch Co-Ordinator – Peter Webber

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My third full season in the role saw us continue to build on the work we had done in the previous seasons adding more venue capacity to be able to offer all teams more training space than they had the previous season while still having capacity for new teams.

In the summer we added Giles School to our venues for both training and matches. We have exclusive use of this venue and with its addition allowed us to finally be able to offer our older teams U13's and above more space for training.

We still have several logistical issues at all venues primarily around parking and we need to continue to provide reminders to managers and parents to make sure club members only park in marked bays and only disabled bays when a blue badge is shown.

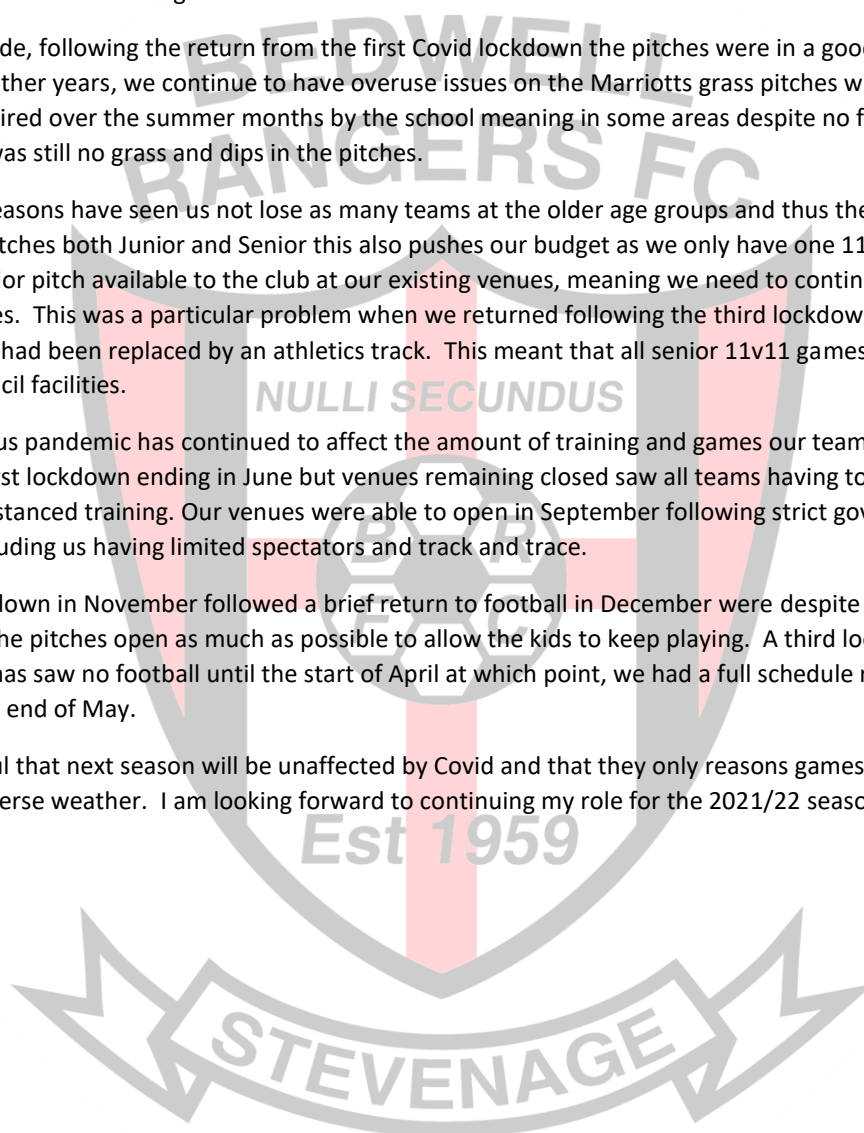
On the pitch side, following the return from the first Covid lockdown the pitches were in a good state compared to other years, we continue to have overuse issues on the Marriotts grass pitches with these also not being repaired over the summer months by the school meaning in some areas despite no football being played there was still no grass and dips in the pitches.

The last few seasons have seen us not lose as many teams at the older age groups and thus there is a need for more 11v11 pitches both Junior and Senior this also pushes our budget as we only have one 11v11 senior and one 11v11 junior pitch available to the club at our existing venues, meaning we need to continue to use council facilities. This was a particular problem when we returned following the third lockdown as our 11v11 pitch at Nobel had been replaced by an athletics track. This meant that all senior 11v11 games had to be played at council facilities.

The Coronavirus pandemic has continued to affect the amount of training and games our teams have been able to do, the first lockdown ending in June but venues remaining closed saw all teams having to use parks for their social distanced training. Our venues were able to open in September following strict government guidelines including us having limited spectators and track and trace.

A second lockdown in November followed a brief return to football in December where despite the weather we tried to keep the pitches open as much as possible to allow the kids to keep playing. A third lockdown just before Christmas saw no football until the start of April at which point, we had a full schedule right the way through to the end of May.

We are hopeful that next season will be unaffected by Covid and that the only reasons games are called off are due to adverse weather. I am looking forward to continuing my role for the 2021/22 season with the club.



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I think we have all looked back at this year and can agree that it wasn't the year that we wanted. However, we are already starting to work our way towards 'normal' and kick-starting our brilliant ambitions that were put on hold due to Covid.

No.1 priority has always been about getting everyone back playing football and I'm delighted that we have been able to achieve this. Covid has not been easy, in fact, it was like learning a whole new job!!! So this was a massive team effort of people chipping in with their interpretation of the constantly changing rules. Particular thanks do go to Sharon McLean, Jon Pace and Neil Finch who were the Covid working party.

It is difficult to reflect on such a disjointed season. We have had a few issues, but all been dealt with as they come, so I'm keen to talk about how what I would like to work on this year. Now we are reaching a period of stability, here is what we must do:

QUALIFICATIONS

Because of Covid, this quite frankly has been a mess. The FA extended some things, not others, then they did, then they didn't. You can see why it was a little admin nightmare for me and I may not have always got it right. Thanks to those that have been patient and supported and given me a little nudge where needed.

DBS

Sometimes this takes our volunteers by surprise. It shouldn't. You will receive an email from WGS 3 months in advance. As soon as you get this, please action. A couple of points of note: it is your responsibility to keep your email address up to date on WGS; if you let your DBS expire, you will be temporarily suspended by Herts FA and BRFC will support this.

First Aid / Safeguarding

These are now online. Whilst not ideal and personally not my preferred way of learning, it does mean we have a massive opportunity to get everyone qualified. Please support me in making this happen and book yourself on these courses.

Introduction to Football / Level One

Again, this is now online. If this is something you are hoping to achieve, please book yourself on this course. Remember, BRFC will pay 50% on completion and then a further 25% after one year.

I fully appreciate that these points above are not the most exciting, but it essential for us to be Charter Standard club. Please take ownership of your qualifications.

YOUTH FORUM

I love being part of the Youth Forum (YF) and I'm absolutely delighted that we were able to re-start our meetings. Our members are AMAZING and they have come back with gusto! Their ideas are brilliant, they are lively, funny and keep me on my toes. We only met last week, so in the very near future I will be putting forward their ambitions for the coming season.

One thing that we have been able to achieve, is that finally, we are putting our coaches through their 'level one'. This has been 2 years in the making and delayed for 15 months. Now it is finally happening, I am buzzing for our young coaches. They will be given the opportunity to learn warm up activities, how to control and vary a session amongst other key skills that they may need.

You will know who these young coaches are as they will be given a coaching kit of their own to wear proudly. If you are interested in mentoring one of our junior coaches, please let me know. Special thanks to James Donkin of JD Football and our U14 JPL team coach for writing and delivering this session for us.

To sign off, again, it is with sadness that we can't have a presentation day. I've always said that of course we celebrate the children and their achievements, but we must never forget the effort of all of our volunteers.

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Managers, Coaches, Admin, Match Day Delegate, Covid Officer and of course the Trustees themselves. (and I've probably missed a few)! You are the reason we not only keep going but we keep growing!

We couldn't do it without you. THANK YOU.

Head of Boys Football – Peter Webber

I had the pleasure following the last AGM of taking up the role of Head of Boys football for the club following the departure of my predecessor Neil. This first season in the role was a season severely affected by Covid and two national lockdowns meaning that our teams were unable to train or play games.

Following the return from, the first lockdown we were able to retain most of the boys teams that we had before Covid however, the lockdown had affected some of the interest, some of the clubs players had in playing football which meant these boys did not return at least initially.

Despite all the covid restrictions we were able to start the season and had for the first-time teams playing in the Junior Premier League (an elite level league) alongside boy's teams continuing in the HDL, Royston Crow and Mid Herts Leagues.

Unfortunately, a second and then a third national lockdown in the winter months meant that our teams had to stop playing again until Easter at which point the leagues returned in full with fixtures right the way through to June. Only one of our boys teams decided not to return to the league arranged games due to concerns over the pandemic and for the teams that did return we had a number of successes that we are proud of.

Our U15's moved from Royston Crow to Mid Herts at the start of the season and enjoyed much more success with the fairer split of leagues with more mixed results than in recent years. Our U15's Impact finished top of their table after all games were played and in normal seasons, they would have been officially crowned league winners.

Our under 14 JPL team had a wonderful season as a team in their first season at the club, they have made everyone proud with a run to the National Final in the JPL cup unfortunately suffering a narrow defeat in an entertaining final.

We continue to have a great intake in our younger age groups as well which bodes well for the future as these teams move to the older age groups.

In a season interrupted by covid the number of issues for the trustees to deal with have been less than in normal seasons, we do continue to have some discipline issues in our older age groups that we are looking to solve with clearer rules and understanding among the players what happens if they do not follow them.

At the time of writing we know we will be losing at least one team next season as our U12 Athletic team will not be continuing for season 2021/22 we have successfully been able to find places at the remaining two teams in the age group for the players that wanted to remain at the club and I would like to thank Paul and the rest of his coaches on behalf of the club for the hard work they have put into the team over the years.

I am looking forward already to the 2021/22 season and hoping that this is one that is not affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Head of Girls Football – Neil Finch

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At the end of another strange season due to the pandemic I want to recognise all the coaches and officials of our girls and ladies teams for the great efforts they have shown during the past year. You are all very much appreciated by the club and I'm sure the players and their families as well.

There has never been a greater demand for opportunities for girls to start playing football and our numbers are increasing week by week. Thankfully, there were less unwanted issues throughout the season than previously.

My greatest satisfactions from the season are the amount of girls we have joining the club as young as three years old and the number of new coaches we have for the very youngest age groups, but we still need more to step forward if we are to register as many teams in the leagues as I would like...we definitely have enough players to do so.

I'm also really pleased with the number of players from the girl's teams who are performing the role of Junior Coach. These girls are doing a great job of coaching and inspiring the younger players they are interacting with.

Going forward I want to remain the best club locally for girls to play football at and ensure we never turn away a girl that wants to play the game.

Sponsorship Officer – Warren Kennedy

Another exciting season has come to a close which saw Bedwell Rangers FC sponsorship partners continue to support.

We exit 2020/21 season with a total of 21 (45 teams) with active sponsors.

It should be noted that the entire club benefits from the sponsorship dues that are received and not just the team carrying the sponsors logo; therefore if you are a Manager of a squad that is unsponsored I urge you to assign yourself a goal of identifying and obtaining a sponsor (2 years) for the coming season. It should be the collective goal of the entire club to have all teams/squads at least assigned to a single sponsor.

Enjoy the summer, and please ensure that any interested party who are looking to support and sponsor a real grass root team are directed for my attention.

Teams Currently Sponsored

TEAM	GENDER	AGE GROUP	MANAGER	SPONSOR
CRUZEIRO	B	U9	AARON GEORGE	KC SPORTS
SANTOS	B	U9	GARY BULLOCK	Aztek
PALMEIRAS	B	U9	MARK FORSDYKE	The Bombay Restaurant
CORINTHIANS	B	U9	STEVE GEORGIOU	Anderson Homes
BOAS	B	U9	AARON HATTAM	BIG G LOGISTICS
DRAGONS	G	U10	STUART MORRISON	Lemsford Building and Construction Limited
ROMA	B	U10	GARRY WORTON	Fenton TM
REAL	B	U11	ROBERT PALMER	Air Cool Engineering
ATHLETICO	G	U11	GARY GOODFELLOW	GB FUTSAL
DRAGONS	G	U12	NEIL FINCH	LS Fabrications
PHOENIX	G	U12	NEIL FINCH	Ace Hose
ALBION	B	U12	BAZ MULLANEY	Truck Care
INCLUSIVE	B	U12	BRYAN PRENTICE	Carbon Rewind
DRAGONS	G	U13	JAMES FLYNN	Cloisters Masonic Lodge
BULLDOGS	B	U13	TIM ATTWOOD	Fix Auto
PANTHERS	B	U14	DAN CURTIN	Taylor and Stapleton
AMAZONS	G	U14	BARRY VIGAR	Jardak Services Ltd
TIGERS	B	U14	CRAIG MCGREGOR	W MCGREGOR ELECTRICAL LIMITED
JPL	B	U14	CRAIG MCGREGOR	W MCGREGOR ELECTRICAL LIMITED
COMETS	G	U15	TREVOR PETTS	Walton Homes
REDS	G	U16	HEIDI NASH	Ace Hose

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees and members of Bedwell Rangers Football Club – Charity Number 1131242 for the year ended 31 May 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of officers and examiners

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts to ensure that they have been prepared in accordance with general accounting principles and to state whether any matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club 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 officers 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date 31 March 2022