



The Rugby Fives Association
(A company limited by guarantee)

**Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 July 2025**

**Charity number 1136872
Company number 04837244**



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Financial Statements
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The Rugby Fives Association
Legal and Administrative Information

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: The Rugby Fives Association (RFA)

Charity registration number: 1136872

Company registration number: 04837244

Registered Office and
operational address: 120 Beech Road
Headington
Oxford
OX3 7SJ

Board of Directors/Trustees

A S Passey	President
C R Blakeley	
C G Brooks	
N H Buchanan	
D Butler	
L G Keates	(appointed 19 September 2024)
S J Kirby	
W J Lyons	(appointed 19 September 2024)
L M Mathias	
J E McIntyre	(resigned 19 September 2024)
A D B Smith	
J A D Tilston	Treasurer
H G Tunks	(appointed 8 January 2024)

Secretary

C R Blakeley

Independent Examiner

P de Winton FCA



**The Rugby Fives Association
Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31 July 2025**

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Rugby Fives Association was set up to promote community participation in the sport of Rugby Fives and such other amateur sports as the trustees shall determine by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for the playing of Rugby Fives (facilities means land, buildings, equipment and organising sporting activities).

The charity also aims to advance physical education of young persons by assisting in the provision of facilities for the playing and learning of Rugby Fives in schools and universities.

Public benefit

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

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year, the RFA continued to support the playing of Rugby Fives at schools and clubs. The Trustees have developed and are implementing a strategy aimed at sustaining, nurturing and growing the game of Rugby Fives.

The RFA issued grants totalling £12,383 (2024 - £3,045) in the current year in respect of the subsidising of training and equipment. Further details of the grants issued are set out in note 8 to the accounts.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 7 shows total incoming resources of £47,487 (2024 - £36,713) and net outgoing resources of £45,730 (2024 - £32,655) for the year.

The main drivers for the increase in income compared to the prior year include an increase in the value of one-off donations to £6,675 (2024 - £1,964) which relate primarily to donations received for the purpose of renovating the courts at Stoke Newington School, and Gift Aid claimed in the year to £6,340 (2024 - £Nil).

The main drivers for the increase in expenditure relate to increased levels of grants issued of £12,383 (2024 - £3,045), the expanded subsidisation of student travel and accommodation costs at tournaments of £4,769 (2024 - £2,810), and the subsidisation of coaches at clubs of £2,138 (2024 - £Nil).

Reserves Policy

Unrestricted funds stand at £104,930 (2024 - £100,280) which are held to cover future outgoings and provide resources for future grants for court building and coaching (See Note 2).



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Trustees' Report - continued
for the year ended 31 July 2025**

Reserves Policy - continued

Restricted funds stand at £12,859 (2024 - £15,751) which are held to cover future outgoings and provide resources for future grants for court building and coaching (See Note 2).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18 July 2003 and registered as a charity on 14 July 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, as amended by special resolution on 16 June 2010, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

The charity's board has the power to appoint any persons to be a trustee of the charity. Trustees appointed during the year and new trustees are ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The board of Trustees oversees the operation of the charity, assisted by a small number of volunteers.

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Trustees review the finances and associated risks at each trustees' meeting.

Trustees and Directors

The Trustees and the Directors are the group of people charged with the governance of the charity. During the year no Trustee or Director had any significant financial interest in the charity.

The details of all benefits and expenses reclaimed from the charity by the board of Trustees are set out in note 5 to the accounts.

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

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 19 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

J A D Tilston
Treasurer



**The Rugby Fives Association
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
for the year ended 31 July 2025**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Rugby Fives Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

P de Winton

P de Winton FCA
Independent Examiner
14 November 2025



The Rugby Fives Association
Statement of Financial Activities
(Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 July 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	28,884	7,448	36,332	25,535
Charitable activities	3	8,467	-	8,467	7,156
Other trading activities	3	1,257	-	1,257	2,621
Investments	3	1,345	-	1,345	1,401
Other	3	86	-	86	-
Total		40,038	7,448	47,487	36,713
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	186	-	186	383
Charitable activities	4	35,210	10,341	45,551	31,552
Other	4	(8)	-	(8)	719
Total		35,389	10,341	45,730	32,655
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TAX		4,650	(2,893)	1,757	4,059
Tax payable		-	-	-	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		4,650	(2,893)	1,757	4,059
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,650	(2,893)	1,757	4,059
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		100,280	15,751	116,031	111,972
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		104,930	12,859	117,788	116,031

The notes form part of these financial statements



**The Rugby Fives Association
Balance Sheet
31 July 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	237	-	237	400
Total		237	-	237	400
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	2,801	-	2,801	917
Cash at bank and in hand		105,932	12,859	118,791	115,290
Total		108,733	12,859	121,592	116,207
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,041)	-	(4,041)	(576)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		104,692	12,859	117,551	115,631
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		104,930	12,859	117,788	116,031
NET ASSETS		104,930	12,859	117,788	116,031
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	12	104,930		104,930	100,280
Restricted funds			12,859	12,859	15,751
TOTAL FUNDS		104,930	12,859	117,788	116,031

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The notes form part of these financial statements



**The Rugby Fives Association
Balance Sheet - continued
31 July 2025**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

J A D Tilston
Treasurer



**The Rugby Fives Association
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 July 2025**

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

Regulatory requirements mean that the trustees are obliged to take into account all available information about the future, for at least, but not limited to, the period of 12 months from the date the accounts are approved. In accordance with these requirements, and taking into account the challenges of financial forecasting in the current circumstances, the Board is satisfied that reasonable financial assumptions have been incorporated in financial projections for the period subsequent to the year end and until July 2026. The Board considers that mitigating actions would be effective and sufficient to ensure the charity's continued viability.

For these reasons and based on the assessment undertaken, the Board confirms it has a reasonable expectation that the charity will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the period of the assessment to the end of July 2026.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- The charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- It is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the above general income recognition criteria are met.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

Membership subscriptions which give a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.



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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure and Liabilities

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accrual basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant, a liability for the full funding obligation is recognised.

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Laptop - straight line over 5 years

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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



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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 July 2025

3. INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Analysis of income				
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	5,104	7,448	12,552	7,654
Gift Aid	6,340	-	6,340	-
Membership subscriptions equivalent to donations	17,050	-	17,050	17,115
Other	390	-	390	766
Total	28,884	7,448	36,332	25,535
Charitable activities				
Tournament entry fees	8,467	-	8,467	7,156
Total	8,467	-	8,467	7,156
Other trading activities				
Membership subscriptions as payment for goods & services	1,240	-	1,240	1,610
Merchandise sales	17	-	17	524
Training courses	-	-	-	487
Total	1,257	-	1,257	2,621
Income from investments				
Interest income	1,345	-	1,345	1,401
Total	1,345	-	1,345	1,401
Other				
Other income	86	-	86	-
Total	86	-	86	-
TOTAL INCOME	40,038	7,448	47,487	36,713

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for £4,948 of donations made to the Courts Fund and £2,500 of donations made to the Jesters Fund.



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4. EXPENDITURE

Analysis of expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Expenditure on raising funds				
100 Club prize payments	186	-	186	383
Total	186	-	186	383
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Charity management & administration	12,027	60	12,087	10,774
Charity running costs	3,274	-	3,274	2,176
Grants issued	5,655	6,728	12,383	3,045
Tournament & trophy costs	14,254	3,554	17,808	13,864
Other running costs	-	-	-	1,694
Total	35,210	10,341	45,551	31,552
Other expenditure				
Other expenditure	(8)	-	(8)	719
Total	(8)	-	(8)	719
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	35,389	10,341	45,730	32,655

A breakdown of Charity management & administration costs is set out in the table below.



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4. EXPENDITURE - continued

Analysis of expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Charity management & administration				
Bank charges	60	60	120	120
Branding	455	-	455	-
Brochures and reviews	1,601	-	1,601	2,322
Depreciation	164	-	164	164
Development Officer costs	2,834	-	2,834	1,638
Direct debit charges	844	-	844	978
Secretarial costs	3,408	-	3,408	4,422
Software expenses	524	-	524	234
Coaching costs	2,138	-	2,138	-
Trustee travel expenses	-	-	-	897
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	12,027	60	12,087	10,774

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Remuneration totalling £370 (2024 - £980) was paid to the company secretary of the charity who is a director of the company.

Travel costs of £Nil (2024 - £897) were also paid to the directors, who are also trustees.

No remuneration or other benefits of employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees during the year.

6. FEES FOR EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

No remuneration or other benefits were paid in respect of the independent examiner's review of the accounts or in respect of any other examinations of the accounts.



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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME			
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	22,230	3,305	25,535
Charitable activities	7,156	-	7,156
Other trading activities	2,621	-	2,621
Investments	1,401	-	1,401
Other	-	-	-
Total	33,408	3,305	36,713
EXPENDITURE			
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	383	-	383
Charitable activities	29,103	2,449	31,552
Other	719	-	719
Total	30,205	2,449	32,655
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	3,203	856	4,059
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	3,203	856	4,059
Total funds brought forward	97,077	14,895	111,972
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	100,280	15,751	116,031



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8. GRANTMAKING

The RFA issued total grants of £12,383 in 2025 (2024 - £3,045). Details of the grants issued in the year are summarised below.

Institution	Purpose	2025 Total £
St Andrew's Prep School	Installation of glass back wall on Fives Court	6,728
Stoke Newington School	Subsidising of coaching and equipment	5,655
		<hr/> 12,383 <hr/>

Details of the grants issued in the prior year are summarised below.

Institution	Purpose	2024 Total £
Stoke Newington School	Subsidising of coaching and equipment	3,045
		<hr/> 3,045 <hr/>



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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Laptop £	Total £
COST		
At 1 August 2024	818	818
Additions	-	-
At 31 July 2025	<u>818</u>	<u>818</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 August 2024	418	418
Charge for year	<u>164</u>	<u>164</u>
At 31 July 2025	<u>581</u>	<u>581</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 July 2025	<u>237</u>	<u>237</u>
At 31 July 2024	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,801</u>	<u>917</u>
	<u>2,801</u>	<u>917</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	3,045	-
Accruals and deferred income	<u>996</u>	<u>576</u>
	<u>4,041</u>	<u>576</u>



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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.7.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	93,240	4,210	-	97,451
100 Club fund	5,496	439	-	5,935
President's Cup fund	329	-	-	329
Alex Wilson Plate fund	1,215	-	-	1,215
	100,280	4,650	-	104,930
Restricted funds				
Courts fund	14,424	(1,839)	-	12,584
Jesters fund	1,328	(1,054)	-	274
	15,751	(2,893)	-	12,859
TOTAL FUNDS	116,031	1,757	-	117,788

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	39,510	(35,300)	-	4,210
100 Club fund	528	(89)	-	439
President's Cup fund	-	-	-	-
Alex Wilson Plate fund	-	-	-	-
	40,038	(35,389)	-	4,650
Restricted funds				
Courts fund	4,948	(6,788)	-	(1,839)
Jesters fund	2,500	(3,554)	-	(1,054)
	7,448	(10,341)	-	(2,893)
TOTAL FUNDS	47,487	(45,730)	-	1,757



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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.7.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	91,543	1,698	-	93,240
100 Club fund	5,113	383	-	5,496
President's Cup fund	421	(92)	-	329
Alex Wilson Plate fund	-	1,215	-	1,215
	97,076	3,388	-	100,280
Restricted funds				
Courts fund	13,659	765	-	14,424
Jesters fund	1,237	91	-	1,328
	14,896	856	-	15,751
TOTAL FUNDS	111,972	4,059	-	116,031

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	31,427	(29,730)	-	1,698
100 Club fund	766	(383)	-	383
President's Cup fund	-	(92)	-	(92)
Alex Wilson Plate fund	1,215	-	-	1,215
	33,408	(30,205)	-	3,203
Restricted funds				
Courts fund	805	(40)	-	765
Jesters fund	2,500	(2,409)	-	91
	3,305	(2,449)	-	856
TOTAL FUNDS	36,713	(32,655)	-	4,059



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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

Purpose of fund

Fund	Type	Purpose
General fund	Unrestricted	The RFA's general trading fund
100 Club fund	Unrestricted	Management of funds raised through the 100 Club scheme
President's Cup fund	Unrestricted	Management of funds donated for the purpose of the repair, renovation or replacement of trophies
Alex Wilson Plate Fund	Unrestricted	Management of funds donated in memory of the late Alex Wilson for the purpose of purchasing a new plate trophy for the North of England Tournament
Courts fund	Restricted	Management of funds donated for the purpose of repair, renovation or construction of Fives Courts
Jesters fund	Restricted	Management of funds donated by the Jesters Club, used for the purpose of subsidising student travel and accommodation at Fives tournaments

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2025.

14. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company has no share capital but it is a charitable company limited by guarantee. At 31 July 2025 there were 493 (2024 – 472) individual members, 33 (2024 – 33) school members and 27 (2024 – 26) club members, each of whose liability is limited to £1.