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**Company registration number 07171285**

**GOALBALL UK**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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## GOALBALL UK

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Introduction**

Goalball U.K. is the governing body for the Paralympic sport of goalball across the United Kingdom. We are committed to ensuring that the sport continues to thrive from grassroots to our Performance Programme. We are responsible for the training and selection of teams representing Great Britain and for participation in and development of goalball across the United Kingdom.

Goalball U.K. represents goalball's interests at the British Paralympic Association, the Sport and Recreation Alliance, Sport England, U.K. Sport, governmental and non-governmental agencies and many other organisations.

Goalball U.K.'s mission is to engage, grow, and lead the development of the goalball community in the UK through inclusive, high-quality opportunities.

As an organisation, we are committed to serve our people with the following values:

- Ambitious: Striving to improve outcomes for all.
- Caring: Caring for our people and providing safe experiences.
- Inclusive: Promoting inclusion, championing equality and celebrating diversity.
- Connected: Working together to make positive change.

Our Strategic obsessions are:

- For Our People:
  - Grow and Develop our Players
  - Grow and Develop our Workforce
  - Provide high quality Experiences
- Supporting Our People:
  - Create and Develop Partnerships for our people
  - Ensure we continue to improve our Organisational Health
  - Continue to raise awareness of our sport and our people

#### **Chair's Introduction**

2024/25 has been a transformative year for Goalball UK, marked by resilience, innovation, and a renewed focus on community. We have restructured our performance pathway, welcomed new staff, and invested in fundraising efforts to navigate the challenges of the cost-of-living crisis.

A key highlight has been the development of our new strategy, Empowering our People 2025 and Beyond, which we launched in February 2025. This places our people at the heart of everything we do. This commitment to growth and empowerment is reflected in our revamped Performance Pathway Programme, designed to provide clear and exciting opportunities for goalball players nationwide.

We have also made significant strides in coaching and recruitment, assembling a team of experienced professionals to elevate our training and playing standards. Our investment in talent identification has yielded promising results, with new players joining the Performance Pathway Programme.

Off the court, we have expanded our outreach efforts, delivering school sessions, workshops, and community events to introduce goalball to new audiences. We have also seen success in our club development work, with the formation of new clubs across the UK.

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**Chair's Introduction (continued)**

Looking ahead, we are excited about the continued growth of our sport and the opportunities to empower more people through goalball. We are committed to delivering world-class training and competition, fostering a sense of community, and increasing awareness of goalball on a national and international level.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to give a thank you to the Executive Team. They have shown professional expertise and great dedication to the sport of goalball. They could not achieve all they do without the huge support of volunteers and a big thank you to all those volunteers who give their time to goalball.

Finally, I am incredibly proud of the impact goalball continues to have on the many people involved. From players to officials to families, I see people come to life through goalball. You are out there creating bonds that will last for years as well as enjoying physical activity in a purpose driven environment.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

John Grosvenor

**Business Review**

**Key Highlights:**

**Key Achievements:**

- Performance Pathway Restructured: Revamped the performance pathway to provide clear and exciting opportunities for goalball players.
- New Staff and Coaches: Hired experienced professionals to strengthen the coaching team and support athlete development.
- Fundraising Success: Secured new supporters and funding despite the cost-of-living crisis.
- Community Outreach: Expanded outreach efforts through school sessions, workshops, and community events.
- Club Development: Supported the formation of new community clubs across the UK.

Goalball UK is excited about the future and committed to continued growth and development. The new strategy, which was launched in 2025, along with the ongoing support of its members, partners, and funders, will enable us to achieve our goals and provide even more opportunities for people to experience the joy and benefits of goalball.

**Annual survey results**

Goalball UK is committed to providing a positive and inclusive experience for all our members. Our annual survey is a vital tool for gathering feedback and ensuring our services meet the needs of our community. We are delighted to share the positive results of our recent survey, which demonstrate high levels of satisfaction and engagement.

**Key Findings:**

- Overall Satisfaction: Over 92% of our members expressed satisfaction with the services Goalball UK provides, representing a 5% increase from the previous year. This positive trend reflects our dedication to continuous improvement and responsiveness to member feedback. Areas of satisfaction include competitions, support services, communication, and safety.
- Accessible Communication: Members highlighted social media, our monthly e-news, and the website as the primary sources of effective and accessible communication. We will continue to prioritise these channels and ensure information is readily available to all.
- Welcoming Environment: An impressive 95% of members reported feeling welcomed at competitions. This underscores our commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive atmosphere where everyone feels valued and respected.
- Net Promoter Score: We achieved a Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 56%, exceeding the benchmark for excellence (50%). This indicates a high level of member loyalty and willingness to recommend Goalball UK to others.
- Diversity and Inclusion: 93% of respondents expressed satisfaction with the level of diversity within our sport. We are proud to be a welcoming and inclusive organisation that celebrates the unique contributions of all our members.

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**Annual survey results (continued)**

Goalball UK is driven by a passion for providing fully accessible experiences in an inclusive environment. The annual survey is an essential part of our commitment to listening to our members' voices and taking action to address their needs and priorities.

As we launch our new strategy focused on community, we are confident that we will continue to strengthen our services and enhance the overall experience for our members. We are dedicated to building a stronger, more inclusive, and more vibrant goalball community.

**Performance Pathway Programme**

**Transformation**

2024/25 was an important year for high performance goalball within the UK. Whilst there was limited activity, being the final year of our Paris 2024 investment, we have restructured our performance programme which transforms the way goalball players enter and move within the pathway.

The new programme brings together players invited to join the Academy, Talent, Performance Potential and High-Performance levels in a holistic pathway delivering training, support, and opportunity to players at all levels. The goal is to deliver a clear and exciting pathway for goalball players nationwide, with future planning and working together key to making this happen.

Goalball UK has developed a newly formed Performance Pathway team of Gary Fraser, Faye Dale and Alex Cockerham to ensure our whole programme is aligned and standardised with the overall aim of selecting and preparing athletes to reach their potential and achieving the best possible results in selected competitions.



**Coaching and Recruitment**

Goalball UK significantly boosted its performance program in 2024. We welcomed new Performance Coach Gary Lambert, Assistant Performance Coaches Ella Strachan and Alex Jones, and Consultant Performance Coach Ferhat Esatbeyoglu, who join existing coaches Faye Dale and Alex Bunney. We also expanded our Multi-Disciplinary Team with Physical Preparation Coach Barbara Vasconcelos and Physiotherapists Ellie Cook-Smith and Louise Newman. This strengthened team enhances athlete support and drives development across the performance pathway.

In April 2024, we launched an initial Performance Pathway Programme for a transition period prior to launching our full programme which will run from December to November on an annual basis. The Goalball UK Performance Pathway Programme is purposefully driven to select and develop athletes who will form teams to achieve the best possible results in identified competitions. High engagement and individual accountability form the foundations of the programme within a supportive environment regardless of age, level, or gender.

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**Coaching and Recruitment (continued)**

We have developed this through delivering three specific Centre of Excellence training camps bringing the best players, coaches, and staff to the 'home of goalball' at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield. As a UK Sport accredited Elite Training Centre (ETC) it is the perfect environment to develop our programme through the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Cycle.

These camps have allowed us to integrate new coaches and staff, as well as trial new ideas and a way of delivering a new model. There has been a strong focus on getting our physical preparation benchmarking right, combined with on court coaching. The break in our international calendar has enabled the team to accelerate our changes as we prepare to embark on the LA 2028 cycle from 2025 onwards.

Furthermore, we have delivered Training to Compete camps, U19 Learning to Train camps and youth competition opportunities focusing on progression, development and learning for players and coaches, in addition to piloting our new Regional Performance Centre (RPC) model with partner clubs and higher education institutions. These centres have a specific focus to achieve Quality Time on Task for both programme players and coaches in local areas.

**UK Sport and Sport England**

We remain incredibly grateful for our growing partnership with UK Sport and Sport England who have backed our new 2025-2029 Performance strategy with increased investment. This has enabled us to implement significant revolutionary changes, whilst preparing our programme and teams to grow, compete and excel on the international stage.

**Talent Identification**

2024 has begun the start of Goalball UK actively seeking new talent to enter the Performance Pathway Programme, starting with U18 Aspire Days in early 2024 and moving onto the introduction of the Player Recruitment Drive. This initiative is designed to attract and identify new talent and provide opportunities to learn and develop the necessary skills for individuals to reach their potential. Delivery in 2025 includes Talent Identification Days, a specific Female Futures Programme, and the continuation of Aspire Days.

**Paris 2024 Paralympic Games**

Although our GB teams were not out competing in Paris, the Paralympic Games still provided lots of opportunities to raise the profile of the sport and gain valuable learning experience for the LA 2028 cycle.

Gary Fraser (High Performance Lead) was part of a Paralympics GB delegation as part of the Paralympic Inspiration Programme.

Tom Dobson (Club and Competition Officer) was seconded to Paralympics GB as part of his continued professional development.

Several clubs were also represented in Paris with players and coaches taking advantage of the proximity of France to the UK to spectate at the Games.

Back in the UK, the Goalball Academy participated in a 'Paralympic breakfast'. On the opening game day of the goalball competition at the 2024 Paralympics, we hosted breakfast during a camp where the players could watch the game together, with the aim to inspire the team to work towards one day competing themselves at the Paralympics.

Goalball UK were present, delivering taster sessions, at Paralympics GB Discovery Days (in Crawley and Sheffield) and at the Fan Zone (in London). This allowed us to share our sport with a variety of organisations and individuals with some promising new partnerships emerging

**Goalball Academy**

2024/25 was an exciting year for the Goalball Academy programme as we introduced our Aspire Days, which are a one-day training event open to people aged 18 and under, including:

- Goalball Academy players to access court time outside of residential camps.
- Players of goalball clubs as a talent identification opportunity to access performance pathway opportunities.
- People who have not played goalball before, to learn more about the sport within a youth specific session.

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##### Goalball Academy (continued)

38 blind or partially sighted people attended across four days in partnership with four goalball clubs, which were Northern Allstars, Winchester, Cambridge Dons, and RNC Academy. Out of 38 who attended, seven of those were attending their first goalball session, showcasing the Aspire Days as a viable entry route to goalball for blind or partially sighted people under the age of 18.

We have also delivered five residential training camps across 2024/26 for our Goalball Academy programme players to continue their development on and off the court.

Off the court we delivered activities such as:

- Goalball School Leaders Course – to support players wider understanding of goalball, and to raise awareness of routes into coaching.
- Guest speaker – We were joined by Great Britain Para Cyclist Sophie Unwin, following the 2024 Paralympic Games where she won two golds, a silver, and a bronze medal. This included a Q&A where the players submitted questions to find out more about Sophie's career as a full-time athlete, competing at the Paralympics, and what she enjoys outside of sport.
- Team activity – Bowling, the first regional hub camps brought together a mix of players, some who have been a part of the Academy for a while, and some who are new to the team. We saw it as a great opportunity to help everyone get to know one another away from the goalball court through bowling.

As part of the wider Performance Pathway selection process, the Goalball Academy invited a total of eighteen players to the programme for 2024/2025, which is an uplift of six from the previous year. This has allowed us to introduce our two regional hubs, the North/Midlands and the South, with the aim being to reduce the travel time and costs associated to attending our camps

##### Participation

##### Children and Young People

2024/25 saw us work with, and deliver, the following numbers within school and education settings:

- School sessions delivered = 66
- Schools worked with = 23
- Total pupils = 1,370
- Pupils who are blind or partially sighted = 144

New secondary school resources, including a full goalball scheme of work and supporting videos, were launched in partnership with PE Office.

We were invited to speak to 50 students training to be Qualified Teachers of the Visually Impaired (QTVI's), at the University of Birmingham, and at an online 'Sport Special' event, hosted by the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), linked to the Curriculum Framework for Children and Young People with Vision Impairment.

Four new tutors for the Goalball School Leaders Award were recruited, and we began the onboarding process, significantly increasing the tutoring capacity for this course which will in turn impact the number of people learning how to deliver our sport within school and community settings.

The summer camp returned in August 2024 at Staffordshire University, Stoke-on-Trent, thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Youth Forum in 2023. The Youth Forum were given responsibility to plan and deliver Summer Camp 2024, with the support of Goalball UK staff as necessary. The Youth Forum oversaw all aspects of the planning stage, from sourcing a suitable venue (including sports hall, accommodation, and catering), managing the event budget, promotion of the event to recruit players, alongside all other tasks needed to plan a successful event. This planning was followed by 4 Youth Forum members successfully delivering Summer Camp 2024, with the support of 2 Goalball UK members of staff, to 9 young people over 3 days. A special thanks goes to Staffordshire University who graciously offered the Youth Forum use of their sports hall for free throughout the event.

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**This Girl Can**

In 2024 the This Girl Can Project Group delivered a variety of events and initiatives to continue developing opportunities for women and girls in goalball, including:

- **This Girl Can Open:** 29 female players participated in the 2024 edition which included representation from 10 goalball clubs. A major change from the 2023 edition was that it became individual entry, as opposed to clubs entering teams of players. This was to promote the day further as a social opportunity as everyone was in the same position in playing alongside new people. All players also had the opportunity to participate in off-court sessions, with the topics including a goalball equipment showcase, and a Great Britain past and present player Q&A with current player Lois Turner and former Paralympian Louise Simpson.
- **Female equipment grant:** Following feedback from our initial female member survey, we introduced a female equipment support grant available to individual players and clubs to apply for, to purchase protective equipment. This was with the aim to ease the financial commitment for female players to feel comfortable and confident whilst playing goalball. We supported 18 individuals and 8 clubs with equipment grants and are currently in the processing of requesting feedback on the grants impact.
- **Virtual support sessions:** The group hosted a virtual session in April ahead of the 'This Girl Can Open', which was in the form of a panel. The topic area was travel and safety, to raise awareness of women and girls' experience in the goalball community of travelling independently to events and in general life.

**Clubs**

Throughout 2024/25 our staff have been on hand to support existing clubs to develop in key areas of governance, safeguarding, funding, and workforce development.

Thanks to funding from the Primary Club, Sport England and Sport Wales, we have supported the development of new community clubs in Blackburn, Bolton, Chelmsford, Preston, Stoke, and Wrexham.

While new clubs have developed, we have unfortunately lost two long standing clubs due to lack of players and workforce to support and deliver their sessions - Nottingham Sheriffs and Glasgow.

**Competition**

Our officials, activators, and event staff have delivered over 30 regional, intermediate, and national competition days with over 230 players taking part.

The playing standard in our competitions across the levels is rising all the time thanks to the commitment of our clubs, coaches, and players.

Having appropriate entry points into competition for all playing levels is vitally important and in 2024 we supported the 'Cambridge Friendly' delivered by the Cambridge Dons Goalball Club. In addition, we supported the 'South Wales Friendly' in Cardiff in June. This was attended by Oxford, New College Worcester, and the Royal National College for the Blind. The competition enabled players rated 1 or below to enter a low-stress tournament to build up skills and gain confidence outside of the league structure. In 2025 we are looking to expand our support for these opportunities in partnership with our clubs.

In 2024 we also supported Fen Tigers win a bid to host a stage of the European Club Champions League. The event, in February 2025, was the first time European club goalball was hosted here in the UK.

In June 2024 we delivered our flagship event, the Goalfix Cup, at the University of Worcester. This year we piloted the install and use of a cushioned floor to improve viewing on the live stream and the court surface for the athletes. Our UK Sport funding for the event has now finished but our aim for 2025 and beyond is to deliver the event to the same high standard by attracting additional event partners and sponsorship.

**International Relations**

In partnership with UK Sport and the Kenyan Sports Association for the Visually Impaired we delivered a workforce project in Nairobi to upskill 13 Kenyan goalball coaches to support the development of the game in Africa. This work is vital to help grow the sport globally in partnership with our international federation IBSA.

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**Awareness and Taster Days**

Throughout 2024/25 we have continued to work in strong partnership with other VI organisations and professionals to raise awareness of goalball and signpost to opportunities to play, coach, volunteer, spectate and support.

We have delivered numerous taster days; provided information at marketplace-based events; and given presentations on what goalball is and who Goalball UK are.

This has included, around the UK, at British Blind Sport (BBS) 'Have a Go' Days; Sight Village exhibitions; VICTA events; Sight Loss Council 'Let's Get Active' Days; the Include Summit; Paralympics GB Discovery Days and Paris 2024 Fan Zone.

**Learning and Development**

2024/25 saw Goalball UK continue to develop the workforce across the sport. We empowered 170 individuals through 15 School Leaders courses, equipping teachers, and coaches with the skills to introduce goalball within school and education settings.

Recognising the need to support emerging clubs, we also delivered two dedicated Club Leaders courses in Preston and Carmarthen, benefiting 25 participants.

As part of our Coach Development Series, to support existing coaches, we ran two Coaching from the Bench workshops in Sheffield and Birmingham. In total there were 17 coaches and 18 players from 10 clubs and the Performance Pathway that took part. We would like to thank the Primary Club for their support in funding the workshops. More workshops within the Coach Development Series will be launched in 2025.

Expanding our reach beyond in-person training, we launched valuable new resources for schools in partnership with PE Office. This has been accessed by over 50 schools and community organisations. Furthermore, we collaborated with UK Coaching and British Blind Sport to create an accessible e-learning course, broadening the opportunities for individuals to develop their goalball knowledge and skills.

These initiatives demonstrate Goalball UK's commitment to providing diverse learning opportunities and building a strong and skilled workforce to support the growth of goalball. We will continue this work within our new strategy with increased resources planned in this crucial area.

**Workforce and Volunteers**

Goalball UK relies heavily on the dedication and support of volunteers to deliver our programmes and events. In 2024/25, we continued to work with a diverse and enthusiastic group of individuals who contributed significantly to our success.

**Key Highlights:**

- **Activator Engagement:** We collaborated with 80 activators throughout the year, with an impressive 42 returning from previous years and 38 new individuals joining our ranks. This influx of new volunteers demonstrates the growing interest in supporting goalball.
- **University Partnerships:** We strengthened our links with 7 universities, including Sheffield Hallam University, the University of Sheffield, the University of Birmingham, Birmingham City University, York St John University, the University of Worcester, and Bishop Grosseteste University. These partnerships provide valuable opportunities for student placements and volunteer recruitment.
- **Player Involvement:** We are proud to have 8 players actively volunteering within the organisation. Their firsthand experience and passion for goalball bring a unique perspective to our work.
- **New Volunteer Sources:** A new partnership with "United by 22", a Commonwealth Games Birmingham legacy, has been established, resulting in 18 new volunteers joining our team. This collaboration expands our reach and strengthens our volunteer base.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** In total, we offered 298 volunteering opportunities across various areas of the organization, providing individuals with diverse ways to contribute their skills and time.
- **Referee Support:** 20 dedicated referees offered their services, including 5 international referees who lent their expertise to the Super League and Goalfix Cup. Their commitment ensures fair play and high-quality officiating at our competitions.
- **Placement Students:** We welcomed 5 placement students from Sheffield Hallam University, providing them with valuable practical experience and contributing to our workforce.

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**Looking Ahead:**

We are incredibly grateful for the contributions of all our volunteers. Their dedication and support are vital to the growth and success of goalball in the UK. We will continue to invest in volunteer recruitment, training, and recognition to ensure a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

**Partnerships**

As part of our commitment to grow the sport of goalball and raise awareness, 2024/5 was a year of consolidation whilst preparing for our new strategy. We have already yielded positive results, enabling us to cultivate new partnerships and expand opportunities for blind and partially sighted people. Focused fundraising is key to the long-term sustainability of Goalball UK, allowing us to continue delivering impactful programmes and services.

Since 2017, we have successfully generated income from a variety of sources, fuelling the development of numerous projects. We are now better equipped to adopt a more strategic and measured approach to income generation.

Throughout the year, we explored various fundraising avenues to further our work. This process has provided valuable insights and helped us define our fundraising priorities for the coming years.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the following supporters who have generously contributed to our mission:

- The Powell Family Foundation: Their support has been instrumental in enabling us to provide enriching programmes for children and young people.
- Northern Accountants: Their expertise, guidance and donations have been invaluable in ensuring the financial health of our organisation.
- Axis Foundation: Their generous contribution has helped us advance our projects and expand our reach.
- Philanthropists: We are deeply grateful for the individuals who have selflessly supported our work, sharing our vision for a more inclusive and accessible sporting landscape.
- Sheffield Town Trust: Their support has been crucial in fostering community engagement and promoting goalball at a local level.
- Paralympics GB/ BUPA: The generous donation has helped us to reach our income targets and continue to develop our sport.
- Primary Club: Their partnership has been essential in driving the development of new goalball clubs and expanding participation opportunities.

We are incredibly thankful for the ongoing support of our funders, partners, and individual donors. Their generosity enables us to continue making a positive impact on the lives of blind and partially sighted people across the UK. A special mention goes to the incredible runners who took part in the London Landmarks Half Marathon. Not only did they take on (and complete) the physical challenge of running 13.1 miles, but they also raised a considerable amount of money (and awareness) for Goalball UK in doing so.

Thank you to all our supporters, funders, partners, and fundraisers. Our work would not be possible without the support of so many individuals, organisations, and businesses.

We would like to thank:

- Sport England
- National Lottery
- UK Sport
- Sport Wales
- Sports Aid
- Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)
- The Primary Club
- The Powell Family Foundation
- Axis Foundation
- GMC Trust
- Sheffield Town Trust
- Boost Charitable Trust
- The Spectacle Makers' Charity
- Disability Sport Development Trust
- The London Eye Clinic
- Goalfix Sports Ltd
- Perfection Travel and Events Ltd

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**Partnerships (continued)**

- PE Office
- Northern Accountants Ltd
- The Edward Gosling Foundation
- UKH Foundation
- SYCF – South Yorkshire Community Foundation
- British Blind Sport
- IBSA
- Paralympics GB
- United Kingdom Anti-Doping (UKAD)
- CAST
- Our volunteers
- Our clubs
- Our players
- Our supporters
- Trusts and Foundations
- The staff at Goalball UK
- The Board of Trustees/ Directors

**Financial review**

Goalball U.K. continues to account separately for two distinct operational strands – Grass Roots and Performance. The grass roots operation is mainly shown as unrestricted funds and is funded principally by Sport England. The Performance programme is shown as restricted funds.

The Sport England grant was the third award of the 2022-7 funding cycle.

Income received by the grass roots fund rose by 4% during the financial year. Our focused fundraising has cultivated several successful new partnerships.

Expenditure by Grass Roots fell by 6% during the financial year. This was mainly attributable to falling staffing costs, as it was a transitional year in terms of membership of the Senior Management Team.

The Grass Roots fund therefore returned a surplus of £23,110 during the financial year. This helped us to restore our reserves figure to £23,645. Whilst this value is lower than the level of required reserves as per the reserves policy, the charity has carried out an extensive review of its income and expenditure levels in the subsequent financial years and is confident of its ability to meet its future financial commitments.

The Performance strand received limited U.K. Sport and private funding during the 2024-5 financial year. Government funding via the National Squad Support Funding Programme had already been fully utilised, leaving the programme to manage on modest resources.

Fortunately, it was not a year of major competitive activity for GB sides. Performance charitable expenditure therefore fell by 75%. At the close of the financial year, the fund had a surplus going forward of £8,117. The additional LA Performance Funding from U.K. Sport started on 1st April 2025.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should ideally be maintained at a minimum level equivalent to between three and six months' non-project expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charitable company is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against known risks. The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity.

Robust corporate governance is another critical area of risk management. Sport England and U.K. Sport demand that we continuously undertake a very rigorous self-assurance process to ensure we maintain good governance across the whole organisation and are in line where realistically possible with best practice.

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**Financial review (continued)**

Significant external risks to funding present the greatest threat to the charity's future. The Board maintains close links with Sport England and U.K. Sport to ensure it has a positive and supportive relationship with them. In parallel, numerous fund raising initiatives have been undertaken and donations sought to diversify the charity's sources of income.

The Trustees have instigated insurance policies with Hiscox and Aon Protect Insurance.

The Trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

**Structure, governance and management**

Goalball U.K. is a company limited by guarantee constituted by a Memorandum and Articles of Association with charitable status.

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The members of the Board are the directors/trustees of Goalball U.K. and have the powers and responsibilities of the strategic management of the business of the organisation. The Board comprises:

- The Chair (Non-Executive)
- Senior Independent Director (Non-Executive);
- Chief Executive Officer;
- Four Independent Directors (Non-Executive)

Except for the Chief Executive Officer, the Board is comprised of non-executive directors. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Board has appointed seven Committees to support its work:

- Competition and Club Committee
- Performance and Talent Committee
- Risk Group
- Finance and Operations Group
- Fundraising and Communications Group
- Nominations Committee
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Group

The purpose of each Sub-Committee is recorded in its terms of reference.

**Disabled persons**

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment within the charity continues and that the appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the charity that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical to that of other employees.

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**Employee involvement**

The charity's policy is to consult and discuss with employees, through unions, staff councils and at meetings, matters likely to affect employees' interests.

Information of matters of concern to employees is given through information bulletins and reports which seek to achieve a common awareness on the part of all employees of the financial and economic factors affecting the charity's performance.

**Auditor**

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Affinia be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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

J Grosvenor (Chair)

**Trustee/Director**

4 November 2025

## **GOALBALL UK**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees, who are also the directors of Goalball UK for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF GOALBALL UK

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Goalball UK (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

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

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF GOALBALL UK**

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**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focussed on laws and regulations which could give rise to material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Companies Act 2006 and UK tax legislation. Our tests included agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and enquiries with management. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above, and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We did not identify any key audit matters relation to irregularities, including fraud. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

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

**GOALBALL UK**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF GOALBALL UK**

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Graham Speck (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

For and on behalf of Affinia, Statutory Auditor

3rd Floor

Chancery House

St Nicholas Way

Sutton

Surrey

SM1 1JB

5 November 2025

Affinia is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

GOALBALL UK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	82,997	15,000	97,997	51,212	5,950	57,162
Charitable activities	4	497,555	129,488	627,043	548,955	279,773	828,728
Other income	5	35,234	21,485	56,719	41,919	14,975	56,894
<b>Total income</b>		615,786	165,973	781,759	642,086	300,698	942,784
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	6	592,676	194,759	787,435	699,900	267,779	967,679
<b>Total expenditure</b>		592,676	194,759	787,435	699,900	267,779	967,679
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		23,110	(28,786)	(5,676)	(57,814)	32,919	(24,895)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		535	36,903	37,438	58,349	3,984	62,333
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>		23,645	8,117	31,762	535	36,903	37,438

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**GOALBALL UK****BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		1,793		2,497
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	13	4,820		7,000	
Debtors	14	22,817		71,203	
Cash at bank and in hand		125,921		97,248	
		<u>153,558</u>		<u>175,451</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>(123,589)</u>		<u>(140,510)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			29,969		34,941
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>31,762</u>		<u>37,438</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	17		8,117		36,903
Unrestricted funds	18		23,645		535
			<u>31,762</u>		<u>37,438</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 4 November 2025

J Grosvenor (Chair)

**Trustee/Director**

Company registration number 07171285 (England and Wales)

**GOALBALL UK**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	21		29,647		(18,867)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(974)		-	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			(974)		-
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			28,673		(18,867)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			97,248		116,115
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			125,921		97,248

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**Charity information**

Goalball UK is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is English Institute of Sport Sheffield, Coleridge Road, Sheffield, S9 5DA.

**1.1 Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

**1.2 Going concern**

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

**1.3 Charitable funds**

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

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

**1.4 Income**

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

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

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

**1.5 Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees.

**1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**1 Accounting policies****(Continued)**

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

Playing equipment	20% Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings & office equipment	20% - 33.33% Straight Line

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

**1.7 Impairment of fixed assets**

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

**1.8 Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

**1.9 Cash and cash equivalents**

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

**1.10 Financial instruments**

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

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

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

***Basic financial assets***

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

***Basic financial liabilities***

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

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

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

***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

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

**1.11 Employee benefits**

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

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

**1.12 Retirement benefits**

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

**1.13 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designed for any other purpose.

**2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

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

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

**3 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	82,997	15,000	97,997	51,212	5,950	57,162

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Sport England grants received</b>						
Performance related grants	497,555	73,043	570,598	548,955	9,570	558,525
<b>UK Sport grants received</b>						
Performance related grants	-	31,445	31,445	-	219,450	219,450
<b>Other grants received</b>						
Performance related grants	-	25,000	25,000	-	50,753	50,753
	<u>497,555</u>	<u>129,488</u>	<u>627,043</u>	<u>548,955</u>	<u>279,773</u>	<u>828,728</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Other income	<u>35,234</u>	<u>21,485</u>	<u>56,719</u>	<u>41,919</u>	<u>14,975</u>	<u>56,894</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Staff costs 2025 £	Other 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Staff costs 2024 £	Other 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>						
Staff costs	415,111	-	415,111	463,383	-	463,383
Depreciation and impairment	-	1,678	1,678	-	2,023	2,023
Charitable expenditure	-	365,448	365,448	-	497,354	497,354
	<u>415,111</u>	<u>367,126</u>	<u>782,237</u>	<u>463,383</u>	<u>499,377</u>	<u>962,760</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b>						
Governance	-	5,198	5,198	-	4,919	4,919
	<u>415,111</u>	<u>372,324</u>	<u>787,435</u>	<u>463,383</u>	<u>504,296</u>	<u>967,679</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds	375,146	217,530	592,676	452,808	247,092	699,900
Restricted funds	39,965	154,794	194,759	10,575	257,204	267,779
	<u>415,111</u>	<u>372,324</u>	<u>787,435</u>	<u>463,383</u>	<u>504,296</u>	<u>967,679</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**7 Support costs allocated to activities**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Governance costs	5,198	4,919
	<u>5,198</u>	<u>4,919</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Other	5,198	4,919
	<u>5,198</u>	<u>4,919</u>
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Audit fees	4,410	4,200
Legal and professional	788	719
	<u>5,198</u>	<u>4,919</u>

**8 Net movement in funds**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	4,410	4,200
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,678	2,023
	<u>6,088</u>	<u>6,223</u>

**9 Trustees**

In their roles as trustees, they were reimbursed a total of £989 travelling expenses (2024 - £1,119). In addition, Mark Winder is remunerated in his senior management role as Chief Executive Officer.

**10 Employees**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Administration	10	12
	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	372,721	408,607
Social security costs	33,635	44,970
Other pension costs	8,755	9,806
	<u>415,111</u>	<u>463,383</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**10 Employees****(Continued)**

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
£70,001 - £80,000	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Gross wages totalling £67,900 (2024: £67,900) were made to employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000, national insurance contributions totalling £8,114 (2024: £8,115) were made on behalf of employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000 and contributions totalling £1,321 (2024: £1,321) were made to defined contribution pension schemes on behalf of employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000.

**Remuneration of key management personnel**

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Aggregate compensation	77,335	77,336
	<u>77,335</u>	<u>77,336</u>

The balance includes £67,900 (2024: £67,900) of gross wages, £8,114 (2024: £8,115) of Employer's national insurance and £1,321 (2024: £1,321) of Employers pension contributions.

**11 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

**12 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Playing equipment</b>	<b>Fixtures, fittings &amp; office equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	15,436	9,802	25,238
Additions	-	974	974
	<u>15,436</u>	<u>10,776</u>	<u>26,212</u>
At 31 March 2025	15,436	10,776	26,212
	<u>15,436</u>	<u>10,776</u>	<u>26,212</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 April 2024	15,436	7,305	22,741
Depreciation charged in the year	-	1,678	1,678
	<u>15,436</u>	<u>8,983</u>	<u>24,419</u>
At 31 March 2025	15,436	8,983	24,419
	<u>15,436</u>	<u>8,983</u>	<u>24,419</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 March 2025	-	1,793	1,793
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,793</u>	<u>1,793</u>
At 31 March 2024	-	2,497	2,497
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,497</u>	<u>2,497</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**13 Stocks**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Finished goods and goods for resale	4,820	7,000
	<u>4,820</u>	<u>7,000</u>

**14 Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	12,605	11,891
Other debtors	8,870	50,210
Prepayments and accrued income	1,342	9,102
	<u>22,817</u>	<u>71,203</u>

**15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	14,774	33,348
Other creditors	10,099	59,086
Accruals and deferred income	98,716	48,076
	<u>123,589</u>	<u>140,510</u>

**16 Retirement benefit schemes**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	8,755	9,806
	<u>8,755</u>	<u>9,806</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

**17 Restricted funds**

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

<b>At 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>At 31 March 2025</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
36,903	165,973	(194,759)	8,117
<u>36,903</u>	<u>165,973</u>	<u>(194,759)</u>	<u>8,117</u>

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**17 Restricted funds (Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
	3,984	300,698	(267,779)	36,903
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**18 Unrestricted funds**

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	535	615,786	(592,676)	23,645
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	58,349	642,086	(699,900)	535
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**19 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£
<b>At 31 March 2025:</b>			
Tangible assets	1,793	-	1,793
Current assets/(liabilities)	21,852	8,117	29,969
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	23,645	8,117	31,762
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£
<b>At 31 March 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	2,497	-	2,497
Current assets/(liabilities)	(1,962)	36,903	34,941
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	535	36,903	37,438
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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**20 Operating lease commitments****Lessee**

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Within one year	4,733	4,557
	<u>4,733</u>	<u>4,557</u>

**21 Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deficit for the year	(5,676)	(24,895)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	1,678	2,023
<b>Movements in working capital:</b>		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	2,180	(7,000)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	48,386	(23,193)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(16,921)	34,198
	<u>29,647</u>	<u>(18,867)</u>
<b>Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations</b>	<u>29,647</u>	<u>(18,867)</u>